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# ABSENCE OF L. F. PULSES IN THE DISCHARGE CURRENT FROM AN OZONISER

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[Abstract: The discharge current from an ozoniser is examined by oscillographic methods. The results indicate that the discharge current consists of a sinusoidal current of the frequency of the exciting potential and the h. f. pulses of 1-5 kilocycles frequency. The observation of Deb and Ghosh (1948) on the l. f. pulses in the discharge current is therefore, not supported. The absence of l. f. pulses in the discharge current is shown to be in accord with the mechanism of ozoniser discharge proposed by Harris and von Engel (1951).]

## INTRODUCTION

That the discharge current from the ozoniser has a component the frequency of which is very high compared to the frequency of the applied potential is well known (Warburg 1924). Klumenc Hinterberger and Hoffer (1937) pointed out that the h. f. current consists of a great many closely packed unidirectional pulses rather than the h. f. oscillations as originally thought of. The mechanism of these h. f. pulses have been discussed in greater detail by Deb and Ghosh (1948) and very recently by Harris and von Engel (1951).

Deb and Ghosh (1948) from an oscillographic study of the discharge current classified the h. f. pulses into two heads

- (a) Group of pulses occurring during a part of the half cycle in which the individual pulses are separately observable. These are termed as l. f. pulses.
- (b) Group of pulses in which pulses are densely packed and run into one another. These are termed as h. f. pulses. Suppression of these h. f. pulses under light causes Joshi-effect— $\Delta I$ .

However the frequency ranges of h f pulses and l f pulses have not been mentioned as also the capacity used to by pass h f. but not the l f pulses

The terms h f and l f pulses have been frequently used in the literature on Joshi-effect without specifying their frequencies. For example Prasad and Jain (1947) attribute decrease in the relative Joshi-effect,  $-\% \Delta I$  with increased exciting potential to the predominance of l f current which according to them is comparatively insensitive to the production of Joshi-effect,  $-\Delta I$ . In the light of these facts it was considered desirable to determine the frequency ranges of the h. f and l. f pulses from an oscillographic study of the discharge current from an ozoniser

### EXPERIMENTAL

The experimental arrangement is indicated in Fig 1 Alternating potentials of 50 cycles frequency were stepped up by a transformer (1.20) and applied to ozoniser containing purified chlorine at a pressure of 150 mm. The discharge current was made to flow through a resistance  $R=15\ 000$  ohms and the P D across the resistance  $R$  was applied to the vertical plates of a single beam oscillograph (supreme 546) and the discharge current in dark was studied at different applied potentials with and without a by pass capacity. The oscillograms are reproduced (Plates 1-5).

### DISCUSSION

The oscillograms of the discharge current in dark with and without by pass capacities at various exciting potentials indicate that the minimum capacity to by pass a part of the h. f. pulses is  $0.003\ \mu F$  while a capacity of  $0.025\ \mu F$  completely by passes the h f pulses and only a smooth a. c trace is obtained.

According to Harris and von Engel (1951) the total pulse time is about  $2 \times 10^{-4}$  sec. This gives the frequency of h f pulses as five kilocycles. If the pulses by passed by a capacity  $0.003\ \mu F$  have a frequency of five kilocycles the frequency of the pulses by passed by a capacity  $0.025\ \mu F$  but not by  $0.003\ \mu F$  will have a frequency of approximately a kilocycle. The pulses by passed by a capacity  $0.025\ \mu F$  are essentially the h. f pulses. It therefore, appears that the discharge current consists of a sinusoidal current of the frequency of the exciting potential and the h. f. pulses of frequency 1-5 kilocycles. The absence of l f pulses

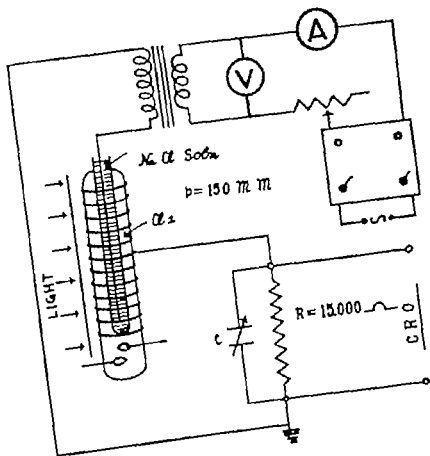


Fig 1





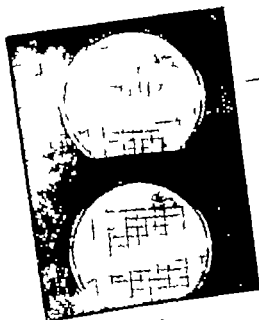


Exciting Potential  
= 0.64 kV  
— (a) Dark



— (b) Dark with  
by-pass capacity  
= 0.005 pF

Plate 1



Exciting Potential  
= 0.64 kV  
— (a) Dark with  
by-pass capacity  
= 0.025 pF

— (b) Light

Plate 2



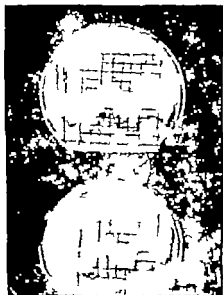


Plate 3

Exciting Potential  
= 0.80 kV

—(a) Dark

—(b) Dark with  
by pass capacity  
= 0.005  $\mu$ F



Exciting Potential  
= 0.80 kV

—(a) Dark with a  
by pass capacity  
= 0.025  $\mu$ F

—(b) Light

Plate 4





Exciting Potential  
0.80 kV

— (a) Dark



— (b) Dark with  
by-pass capacity  
= 0.003  $\mu$ F

Plate 3



Exciting Potential  
= 0.80 kV

— (a) Dark with a  
by-pass capacity  
= 0.025  $\mu$ F

Plate 4



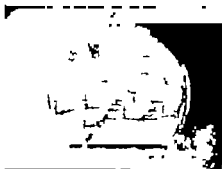


Exciting Potential  
 $-1.00 \text{ kV}$   
 —(a) Dark



—(b) Dark with a  
 by-pass capacity  
 $-0.005 \mu\text{F}$

Plate 5



Exciting Potential  
 $-1.00 \text{ kV}$   
 —( ) Dark with a  
 by pass capacity  
 $-0.025 \mu\text{F}$



—(b) Light

Plate 6





having frequencies intermediate between the frequency of h.f. pulses and the frequency of the a.c. exciting potential, is thus evident.

Deb and Ghosh (1948) have reported the presence of l.f. pulses in the discharge current. These authors have reproduced oscillograms which show l.f. pulses when the h.f. pulses are by passed by a capacity. Unfortunately these authors have not mentioned the capacity which by passed only the h.f. pulses and hence nothing can be said about their observations.

Deb and Ghosh (1948) have also provided an explanation for l.f. pulses they claim to have observed. According to these authors "Electrons and ions produced by the discharge are urged towards the electrodes but they are unable to produce continuous current and are partly deposited as surface-charges and partly remain as polarised space-charge. The surface-charge and the space-charge together neutralise the externally applied field and the discharge stops. Which of the two surface-charge or space-charge is primarily determinative of the stoppage depends of course on their relative densities. But as the applied a.c. voltage increases in course of its cycle, the breakdown voltage is again reached overcoming the neutralisation effect of the surface and space-charges. There is again ionisation and again deposition of surface-charges and increase of space-charge the effect of applied field is again neutralised and the discharge again stops. The phenomenon may thus be repeated a number of times and continue till the rate of the increase of external field becomes slower than the rate of neutralisation of the same by increase of the surface and the space-charges. This starting and stopping of the discharge gives rise to the l.f. pulses.

On the above mechanism the l.f. pulses should occur on the increasing part of the a.c. voltage cycle on the other hand h.f. pulses (which according to Deb and Ghosh are due to the discharging of the surface-charges when the applied voltage is passing through its zero value) should occur when the applied voltage is passing through its zero value. The oscillograms for the l.f. pulses (when the h.f. pulses are by passed with capacity) reproduced by these authors indicate that the l.f. pulses appear on the same part of the voltage cycle where h.f. pulses are also observed. their own observations are not in accord with the mechanism of the l.f. pulses they have proposed.

According to Harris and von Engel (1951) "The glass walls act as condensers which are charged by the ionisation current flowing through the gas. When the field in the gas is sufficiently strong, an initial electron starting at the negative wall will cause an electron avalanche in the gas thus electrons are driven to the positive wall and positive ions to the negative one. Positive ions, light and metastable atoms will release further electrons (as in counters with insulated walls) and a series of avalanche develops. This increase in the number of electrons and ions and the corresponding rise in the current would only continue if the fields in the gas remained unchanged. Because unlike charges collect on opposite walls a voltage drop develops across the glass walls. Since the applied potential is sensibly constant during the pulse time the p. d. across and the field in the gas are thus gradually lowered. Consequently the rate of ionisation and current decrease and approach zero values. This accounts for their observation of h. f. pulses near the peak value of the voltage at lower potentials. "At higher potentials the current pulse can be seen to occur during the whole time interval between successive peaks of the applied voltage. However the polarity of the current pulses remains the same although the applied voltage changes sign. This follows from the existence of wall charges. The field in the gas which is the difference between the instantaneous values of the applied and the wall charges field is always in the same direction and so the current must have the same polarity. Further for an elementary area the number of pulses per half cycle cannot exceed peak applied voltage divided by the starting potential.

It will be clear that the origin of h. f. pulses proposed by Harris and von Engel (1951) takes into account the starting and topping of discharge due to deposition of wall charges and the discharging of the wall charges. The former according to Deb and Ghosh (1948) give rise to l. f. pulses while the latter gives rise to h. f. pulses. Thus the considerations of Deb and Ghosh (1948) are taken into account by Harris and von Engel (1951). Further the considerations of Harris and von Engel (1951) do not suggest the presence of l. f. pulses in the discharge current. Thus the reported absence of l. f. pulses in the discharge current is in agreement with the mechanism of h. f. pulses proposed by Harris and von Engel (1951).

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# VARIATION IN THE PROPORTION OF H F CURRENT WITH APPLIED VOLTAGE IN OZONISER DISCHARGES

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[Abstract: Deb-Ghosh explanation of the decrease in the proportion of h f current is shown to be based on assumptions, the validity of which is questionable. Based on the discharge mechanism of Harris and von Engel, an equation is derived which indicates a decrease in the proportion of h f current with increase in the applied voltage.]

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Results of Warburg (1924), Joshi (1945) and Prashad and Jain (1947) indicate that the proportion of h. f current decreases as the applied voltage is decreased

Deb-Ghosh (1948) have derived an equation which indicates a decrease in the proportion of h. f current with applied voltage. If  $f$  is the percentage of h f current in the total discharge current  $M$  the extinct voltage (at and below which discharge stops),  $V$  the peak value of the applied voltage then

$$\frac{df}{dV} = - \frac{kVm - M}{(V - V_m)^2}$$

where  $V_m$  is the threshold potential and  $k$  is a constant depending on the capacity system in ozoniser and is less than 1

The above derivation is based on the following assumptions

- (i) h f pulses are produced by the neutralization of surface-charges when the applied voltage is passing through its zero value
- (ii) The h f current is proportional to  $(kV - M)$  which is the opposing voltage set up by the surface-charges and
- (iii) The total current is proportional to  $(V - V_m)$

On the basis of Deb-Ghosh mechanism pulses should always occur when the applied voltage is passing through its zero value. Oscillograms of the discharge current and the applied voltage reproduced by Harris and von Engel (1951) indicate that at lower applied voltage the pulses occur at the peak value of the applied voltage while at higher applied voltages the pulses occur during the whole time interval between the successive pulses.

The current pulse on the discharge mechanism of Deb-Ghosh depends on  $\frac{dq}{dt}$  where  $q$  is the electronic surface-charge. The h f pulses occur when the applied voltage is passing through its zero value. At larger applied voltage the surface-charge is large. The rate of change of surface-charge is therefore large. The pulses should, therefore occur together or/and the pulse size should increase with increased voltage. The clustering of pulses has not been observed. Further the average pulse height and its duration do not change appreciably with applied voltage (Harris and von Engel 1951). It will thus be seen that the assumptions (i) and (ii) are not justified. The ozoniser discharge can be regarded as a positive and negative point discharge (Glocker and Lind 1939) and is similar to wire in cylinder type of discharges. The discharge current  $I$ , for wire in cylinder type of discharges is given by the equation (Loeb 1939)

$$I = C V (V - V_m) \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

where  $V$  is peak value of the applied voltage  $V_m$  the threshold potential and  $C$  is a constant depending on the nature of the gas, its pressure and the geometry of the ozoniser tube. The discharge current cannot therefore be taken as only proportional to  $(V - V_m)$  as has been assumed by Deb-Ghosh.

In our opinion the discharge mechanism of Harris and von Engel accounts well for most of the known facts about ozoniser discharges. The mechanism can briefly be stated as follows —

A pulse starts when the fields in the gas which is the difference between instantaneous values of the applied and the surface-charge fields exceeds a critical value depending on the pressure and the nature of the gas. Each pulse is associated with a discharge covering a small elementary area. In addition each pulse is accompanied by a change of surface-charge which may be partial only and need not be ...

For low applied fields when there is only one pulse per half cycle this single pulse originates from that elementary area which has the lowest starting potential at that time. The next pulse originates from a different area because their starting potential may change.

At larger applied fields the pulse would only partially discharge the areas and the wall charge field would change in steps. This would explain why the pulses have the same sign whether they occur before or after zero applied field. It also accounts for the constancy of the average height of the pulses. Taking the starting potential and the average size of an area as being constant, the change of surface charge is proportional to the starting potential. Also for an elementary area the number of pulses per half cycle cannot exceed peak applied voltage divided by the starting voltage. However the number of pulses observed are very much larger than this which suggests that a number of elementary areas was being discharged.

Also the wall charge field for an area will not remain constant between two pulses because discharges in the neighbourhood as well as surface condition may change its value. Further discharges along the inner surface would occur if the potential difference between two adjacent sites exceeds the corresponding breakdown value."

On the basis of the above mechanism the number of h. f. pulses is equal to  $n \frac{V}{V_m}$  where  $n$  is the number of elementary areas discharged,  $V$  is the peak applied voltage and  $V_m$  the threshold potential. The average pulse height do not change appreciably with applied voltage (Harris and von Engel 1951). If  $k$  is the current per pulse the h. f. current,  $i_{h.f.}$  is given by

$$i_{h.f.} = k \cdot n \cdot \frac{V}{V_m} \quad \dots (2)$$

The total current  $I$  is given by equation (1)

$$f \approx \% \text{ of h. f. current} \approx \frac{i_{h.f.}}{I} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{k \cdot n \cdot \frac{V}{V_m} \times 100}{\frac{dV}{dV(V - V_m)}} = \left( \frac{k \cdot n \cdot 100}{d} \right) \frac{1}{V_m(V - V_m)}$$

For a given ozoniser tube containing a known gas at the same pressure  $V_m$  is constant if other external conditions like irradiation, ionising radiations etc. are unaltered

$$\frac{df}{dV} = \left( \frac{k. n. 100}{O V_m} \right) \times \frac{1}{(V - V_m)} \quad \dots (3)$$

Equation (3) gives the variation of the proportion of h. f. current with the applied voltage.  $\frac{df}{dV}$  is a negative quantity indicating that the proportion of h. f. current decreases with increase in the applied voltage

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# NEGATIVE JOSHI EFFECT IN RELATION TO APPLIED VOLTAGE

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**Abstract** :—The explanation offered by Khashtgir and Setty for the inhibitory action of applied potential on Joshi Effect, in light of Deb and Ghosh's theory for the phenomenon, was examined critically. A few limitations of the theory were also pointed.

Detailed investigations of Professor Joshi and coworkers on Joshi effect viz. a photoreduction ( $\Delta i$ ) of the rms value of the discharge current and the associated (h f) pulses observed on a cathode ray oscillograph, have established that the effect  $\Delta i$  is inhibited by large applied voltages, this appeared to be a general characteristic of the phenomenon. Recently Khashtgir and Setty<sup>1</sup> explained the variation of  $\Delta i$  with applied potential in terms of an interesting mechanism developed by Deb and Ghosh<sup>2,3</sup> at a suggestion due to Professor S K Mitra. The present communication reports a few remarks on the above.

According to Deb and Ghosh, the pulses detected on a cro are of two types—low (individual and separately observable) and high (densely packed and running into one another) frequency pulses. It is suggested<sup>2,3</sup> that (a) low frequency pulses are due to stopping and starting of discharge by the surface and space-charges of electrons and ions and by the increasing alternating fields respectively (b) h f pulses are manifestations of sparks resulted from neutralisation of surface-charges of opposite signs (i) electron and positive ions formed on the two glass electrodes and (c) irradiation liberates electrons from the electrode wall to reduce the corresponding surface-charge density and therefore, the h. f. pulses hence the Joshi effect.

The following may be mentioned

(i) Kharstgir and Betty<sup>1</sup> state that electrons which move with much higher velocity reach the anode side and deposit a negative charge on the glass surface and the positive ions which hardly move away from the anode form a positive space charge near the negative space charge on the inner glass of either electrodes. This does not seem to be correct from the following calculations which show that for the interelectrode distances of the systems giving large Joshi effect, the formation of positive ionic space charge in the gas phase is negligible by the time the alternating field acquires after the peak value its subsequent zero value at which point only neutralisation of opposite charges, resulting in h.f. pulses is maximum and complete. For the studies of  $\Delta_i$  in oxygen Mohanty used an oscillator of interelectrode separation of 1.75 mm, the threshold potential was 2700 volts, the peak value being  $\sim 3900$  volts. Assuming that the mobility of positive ions is  $1.0 \text{ cm/sec}^2$  and employing the formula<sup>2</sup> for the velocity of ions in a system composed of concentric cylinders it can be shown that the velocity of ions at the peak value would be  $\sim 3000 \text{ cm/sec}$  and that the ions would cross the interelectrode spacing in  $6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ sec}$ , i.e. in less than  $1/80$  of the time of the quarter cycle. It therefore follows that the positive ions created at the peak value of a.c. potential are swept out completely towards the cathode much before the time by which the alternating potential falls to zero. Similar calculations for external sleeve excitation in iodine vapour and other media support this deduction. This circumstance will be more facilitated the greater is the applied potential. These considerations are in agreement with the views of Deb and Ghosh (cf. b) and suggest that the later statement also made by Kharstgir and Betty viz. "with increasing voltages, it is evident that the positive ions will move a little further and their distance from the negative space charge will slightly increase necessitating a slight increase in the voltage necessary for a discharge or discharges to pass between the negative surface charge and the positive ion" is incorrect. Further the curve C of their Fig. 1 should therefore be parallel to x-axis unlike that represented.

In this connection, it may be pointed out that Kharstgir and Betty represented the surface charge collected at either electrodes in dark and under light as a function of applied voltage by the

curves A and B. Since alternating potentials were employed it would have been appropriate to mention the voltage breakdown peak or subsequent zero value of the alternating cycle at which the surface charge represented on y-axis was collected at either electrodes. (If it were to be the breakdown value for a fixed pressure and interelectrode separation the surface charge would be the same whatever the externally applied (effective) potential may be in this case the curve A runs parallel to x-axis. If the peak value were to be taken into account, the curve B would coincide with A since at that instant light cannot liberate electrons from the anode. However if the circumstances at the zero value are visualised, the scale on x-axis appears to have no meaning.)

(ii) Khashtgir and Setty point out that "at higher voltages however the increased series resistance of the discharge circuit corresponding to decreased internal resistance of the discharge tube makes the pulses highly damped. The amplitude of the pulsatory current is therefore much less at higher voltage so that ultimately the effect of increased damping predominates and the photoreduction eventually falls off with further increase of applied voltage". That the decrease of internal resistance  $\therefore$  the production of enhanced number of electrons and ions, causes a reduction in the pulses which according to Deb and Ghosh are due to surface-charges, does not appear to be logical. It is difficult to visualise how the increased number of ions and electrons could not form the surface-charges. In fact, at large fields the entire current trace is usually superimposed completely with h. f. pulses further the current (observed with suitable detectors) corresponding to l. f. and h. f. pulses as also their entirety continuously increased with voltages beyond those values which decreased the Joshi effect.

(iii) As far as the variation of Joshi effect with applied voltage is concerned, a distinction between the ozoniser discharge tubes and others fitted with adjustable sleeve electrodes is made. While in ozonisers the Joshi effect after a maximum value decreases gradually in sleeve tubes  $\Delta$  varies similarly and varies altogether with continuous rise of voltage. In this connection the present authors wish to emphasise that this distinction is not universal though not incorrect. The magnitude and range

(voltage) of occurrence, of  $\Delta$  even in ozonisers depend upon *inter alia* the surface condition. In one series of experiment with ozonisers some of which were degassed for the removal of adsorbed water vapour layers Saxena and Bhatawdekar observed that  $\Delta$  in iodine vapour enclosed in degassed vessels was as much as 97% near  $V_m$  (335 volts 50-) and decreased to zero with an increase of 440 volts above  $V_m$  while in nondegassed vessels  $\Delta$  was about 60% near  $V_m$  and could be detected as mentioned by Khashtgir and Setty over a wide range of applied potential (It appears therefore that the results obtained by these authors refer to ozonisers of which the preadsorbed layers of  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ , etc. are not removed prior to the introduction of iodine vapour into the system, this is a very fundamental precaution one has to take into account especially while dealing with a phenomenon concerned with surface-changes)

(iv) Khashtgir and Setty further remark that in case of sleeve discharge tubes "the amount of negative surface charge will decrease steadily till at some high voltage the surface charge will not be adequate for the discharge to take place between it and neighbouring positive ions" Actual observations do not support this statement. Even with sleeve excitation, at large  $V$  sufficient enough to inhibit Joahi effect, h. f. pulses much more in number than detected at low  $V$  were noticed. In this connection, it may be interesting to recall the following sentence from a published paper by Jatar who has reported for the first time the results in iodine vapour under sleeve excitation "Oscillograms corresponding to large potentials show that 'the number of h f pulses increased markedly rapidly' Since according to Deb and Ghosh h. f. pulses are due to neutralisation of surface charges the above observation contradicts the suggestion due to Khashtgir and Setty that at large  $V$  in sleeve tubes surface charges are not formed.

(v) It may be pointed out that Khashtgir and Setty maintained throughout a view that whenever h. f. pulses were produced in a system  $\Delta i$  could be detected and *vice versa* Oscillographic studies over a wide range of experimental conditions show that the production of pulses on cro is a characteristic of the discharge while  $\Delta i$  *via* their suppression under light, is but observed under conditions favouring sorption. For example at enhanced temper-

atures, say 200 °C the current trace under known conditions of pressure and potential, was completely full of h. f. pulses however no Joshi effect could be detected.

A very significant observation of Professor Khasigir may be recalled "Over a definite voltage range above  $V_m$  (i.e.  $V_m$  to  $V_b$ , Fig 1) the discharge will be completely stopped on irradiation and the pulses will be quenched altogether. The photoreduction of the pulsatory current will then be given by the current in dark. This indicates that in above voltage range the percentage reduction of current under light amounts to 100. Essentially similar result viz. 100% Joshi effect, was recorded in chlorine air mercury vapour etc. employing detectors like microammeter vacuum-tube, etc." This would suggest that under these conditions light inhibited not only the h. f. pulses but also the l. f. pulses. The suppression under light of these last is not warranted from the above mechanism due to Deb and Ghosh since in the course of increasing region of the alternating voltage from breakdown to above values, in which time the l. f. pulses are produced (cf a) external light cannot stop deposition of or liberate electrons from the anode. electron emission from the anode is incomprehensible. Enhanced release of electrons from the cathode leading to further electron avalanches, will on the other hand produce more pulses.

It may not be out of place to consider in some detail the suggestion (c) of Deb and Ghosh regarding the origin of Joshi effect. In one half cycle  $t/2$  when one electrode is negative and the other positive electrons are deposited on the anode and the positive ions on the cathode. When the alternating potential acquires its zero value light depending upon its intensity releases some number of electrons from the electrode which is hitherto as the anode the other electrons remaining on the wall as surface-charge it is contemplated neutralise with positive ions. It is worthy of enquiry of what will happen to the electrons released by light. These also should neutralise with positive ions rather early than the surface electrons unreleased by light. This suggests, therefore that the number or/and heights of the h.f. pulses determined by the amount of neutralisation, should be the same in dark and under light.

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A copy of the manuscript of this paper has been sent, on 7th Nov 1952, to Prof. Khasgiri to which he replies to one of us (N. A. R.) that as a result of the calculations and other factors mentioned in the communication, he has altered his views regarding the production of pulses and especially the possibility of positive ion accumulation in the gas phase in a low frequency a.c. discharge. An account of his current views based on the 'streamer' mechanism of Loeb and Meek, has been published late in *Science & Culture* (Feb issue 18, 394, 1953). It may be remarked that his ideas regarding the 'streamer' mechanism of spark discharge with unidirectional potentials are inapplicable to discharge with low frequency alternating potentials. The details of the arguments underlying this statement will be published elsewhere.

# INFLUENCE OF SORPTION OF GASES ON CONDUCTIVITY IN A/C SILENT ELECTRIC DISCHARGE

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[Abstract: Chemisorption of iodine bromine and water vapour on glass surface as a determinant of the current  $i$  passing through an ozoniser excited by 50 cycle potentials, was investigated in acid treated and untreated discharge tubes. In these last,  $i$  decreased markedly rapidly and attained saturation within 5-12 mins. The rate of decrease of  $i$  obeyed a power-time law. Acid treatment of the vessels  $i$  e. removal of surface alkali affected markedly the variation of the conductivity presumably due to a change in the sorption.]

## INTRODUCTION

The effect of sorbed gases on photo and thermo-electric currents has been well investigated. It was observed as early as 1893 by Cantor<sup>1</sup> and later (1899) by Knoblauch that substances when exposed to ultraviolet light, lost some negative charges. Christer found that this phenomenon viz. photo-electric effects, could be eliminated completely in certain cases by the removal of occluded gases. When zinc was freed from all active gases by scrapping it in vacuum no photo-electric effect in the metal appeared evident. Similarly when all occluded gases from potassium are removed the photo-electric effect disappeared entirely. Essentially like results were obtained by number of other investigators. While the data of the above workers emphasized the favourable influence of adsorbed gases on photo-electric effect, contrary findings indicating

their inhibitory action on electron liberation from metal by light, were also recorded. Thus Stoletow found that the photo-electric effect from platinum increased when the adsorbed gases were removed by heating it to  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $700^{\circ}\text{C}$  the effect was twice that at laboratory temperature. Similar data were obtained by Varley and Unwin<sup>18</sup>. It was shown that the photo-electric sensitiveness after emission of occluded gases was definitely larger than the effect noted before the expulsion of the gas. The above contradictory results received explanation from the findings due to Paeth that the photo-electric effect of a metal was dependent upon the nature of the gas occluded or adsorbed such as hydrogen, oxygen, carbonmonoxide etc. It has been emphasized by Hallawachs that electropositive gases cause an increase and electronegative gases, a decrease. Further a distinction was made between the gas absorbed within the body and those adsorbed on the surface of the metal. Adsorbed gases retard the escape of electrons, while absorbed gases aid the liberation of electrons, apparently by causing some internal agitation. These views are substantiated by the data on thermo-electric effect. This phenomenon was well investigated by Langmuir and others. It was noticed that thermo-electric effect of tungsten was markedly inhibited by sorption of oxygen and not restored even when the metal was heated to  $>2000^{\circ}\text{C}$  to exclude the adsorbed gas the irreversible diminution of thermo-electric effect of W by oxygen was attributed to the formation of a compound between W and O. Similar data were obtained by Richardson and Boerworth. Much advancement in the studies of sorption was achieved by the fundamental investigations of Langmuir. According to him, there exist a fixed number of atomic groups or sites per unit area of the solid surface on which alone adsorption of a gas atom or a molecule can take place (*vide infra*). These adsorbed atoms depending upon their electron affinity retard as mentioned by Hallawachs<sup>19</sup> the escape of electrons.

While photo and thermo-electric currents and the influence thereon of adsorbed films received much attention, the variation of the discharge current with the surface nature of the electrodes especially with solid dielectric material was not investigated. It has, however been mentioned that the discharge current and the mechanisms responsible therefor are markedly dependent upon the workfunction of the cathode chiefly the gases adsorbed on it. This factor has now been investigated in some detail.



## THEORY & METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

In general there are three processes which occur when a gas is brought in contact with a solid absorption diffusion and adsorption.<sup>12,13,14</sup> The phenomenon of absorption refers to the intake of gas by the entire bulk, while diffusion deals with the passage of gas atoms or molecules through the intermolecular capillaries of the solid substance.<sup>15</sup> In the last process, adsorption a known quantity of the gas is taken up by the surface and surface alone of the solid. These three phenomena are summarised by a single name 'sorption'.<sup>16</sup> Among these adsorption is of marked importance and the only process which is found to occur at ordinary temperatures, with substances like Cu Al Au Ag, Pt, glass, etc. which are in common use as electrode material. It is the adsorption process only that is referred to in this paper.

Adsorption is principally of two types the instantaneous and slow processes. When a gas is allowed to come in contact with a clear solid substance a known amount of it, depending upon the temperature and pressure thereof is taken up instantaneously.<sup>17</sup> It is said that in this case the gas exists in the form of multilayers<sup>18,19</sup> of molecules held by some nonspecific forces.<sup>20</sup> This process is also referred to as physical, multimolecular or van der Waals adsorption. This is followed by the slow process the maximum time necessary for the attainment of saturation is of the order of a few hours to years.<sup>21</sup> The large time recorded was not due to slow diffusion, since the corresponding constants as shown by Herbert<sup>22</sup> varied characteristically with pressure. It was further emphasised<sup>23</sup> that the long intervals noted at the saturation time in the slow process were not untenable from the following theoretical considerations. It is surmised generally<sup>24,25,26</sup> following Langmuir that there are a definite number of atomic groups or sites per sq. cm. of solid surface on which sorption of a gas particle can take place. It is further assumed that these atomic groups are unable in their normal condition to adsorb and require first to be activated before they actually combine with or adsorb a molecule or an atom (the analogy was taken from the formation of a chemical compound by the union of two or more atoms; this mechanism is therefore referred to as Langmuir's well known chemical theory of sorption) the necessary energy being obtained from the excited atoms or molecules arriving from the gas phase to the solid surface.

due to thermal movements. It has been stated above that no sooner the gas is introduced into the system containing nude surface van der Waal's sorption in which the gas exists in the form of multimolecular layers akin to those of liquid phase takes place instantaneously. A gas atom or a molecule with enhanced excitation energy should therefore dive into these layers reach the Langmuir sites and transfer its energy to this last. The rate of sorption depends upon the probability of the excited atoms or molecules reaching the solid surface containing free Langmuir sites; sorption attains saturation when these last are completely occupied. For obvious reasons this process is also referred to as Langmuir adsorption chemisorption or activated adsorption.

As mentioned above the rate of chemisorptions depends upon the probability factor regarding the accessibility of the excited gas particles to the solid surface<sup>21</sup>. Under discharge the population of excited atoms or molecules and presumably their reaching the surface are exceedingly marked on account of this sorption under discharge is expected to be very rapid, as actually observed<sup>21-24</sup> (*vide infra*). From this it follows that whatever processes that occur under ordinary conditions and during discharge refer to one and the same phenomenon *viz.* chemisorption or Langmuir sorption.

The influence of Langmuir adsorption on the electrical conductivity of a gas was now investigated. For this purpose the discharge tubes were outgassed for the removal of adsorbed gases and a known quantity of a gas was introduced therein and excited by a fixed potential. The variation of its current was studied at regular interval of time during the progress of sorption under discharge.

## EXPERIMENTAL

*Description of the discharge vessels* Siemens type discharge tubes were used. These were specially employed for the present studies on account of the fact that no metal surface would come in contact with the gas under investigation. It is wellknown that the data on sorption of a gas from discharge tubes are highly

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Whenever the rate of sorption is mentioned, it refers to the slow process only and not to the other kind of sorption *viz.* physical or van der Waal's adsorption; the rate of instantaneous process is inconceivable.

complicated by loss or gain at the metal surface. The use of the Siemen's tubes is however open to the objection of allowing slight liberation of gases or/and formation of certain surface compounds due to the electrolytic nature of the conduction of electricity through glass under conditions at which the experiments reported herein were carried, the above processes were assumed to be minimum (*vide infra*)

The following are the dimensions of a typical one of the discharge tubes used

Outer diameter of the outer cylinder	20.5	mm
Inner " "	18.0	"
Outer diameter " " inner "	13.0	"
Inner " " " "	10.0	"
Length of the cylinders (average)	420.0	"

Some of the oxonizers were immersed in chromic acid for about 24 hours and then washed repeatedly with boiling distilled water. These were referred to as acid treated discharge tubes. The others were employed as prepared *i. e.* without acid-treatment and regarded as untreated vessels.

*Outgassing Temperature* — The surface of the discharge tubes was freed from preadsorbed gases by the following process. The vessels were enclosed in an asbestos chamber fitted with heater coils (Fig. 1). They were maintained at a temperature of  $\sim 210^{\circ}\text{C}$  for about 15 hours the temperature was deliberately kept  $< 250^{\circ}\text{C}$  for the reasons mentioned below. The evolved gases were condensed in a trap (L, Fig. 1) connected serially to the discharge tubes and cooled by liquid air. This process was shown experimentally to be appropriate for the removal of gases from glass surface by Razauk and Salem.<sup>6</sup> A sample of soda glass was outgassed for 15 hours at 25, 100, 200° and 300°C and adsorption *isotherms of water vapour on the degassed surface were determined.* The data showed that the amount of gas adsorbed for a known relative pressure increased with outgassing temperature upto  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  no variation therein was noticed at temperatures  $> 200^{\circ}\text{C}$ . This suggested that outgassing at  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 15 hours was efficient for the removal of adsorbed layers from glass surface this procedure was in agreement with the findings of Sherwood and others<sup>24, 27</sup> who

showed that when glass was outgassed at increasing temperatures surface layers mainly  $H_2O$  and  $CO_2$  were evolved at  $200^\circ C$ . At higher temperatures,  $>300^\circ C$  continuous liberation of gases was however noticed presumably due to diffusion from the interior or/and a change of the constitution, on account of decomposition, of the glass. In the present series of experiments connected with adsorption process which is related with surface changes, it is aimed not to complicate the affairs with other processes viz. diffusion and desorption - the interior of the solid is left undisturbed and the changes are confined to the removal and replacement of superficial layers."

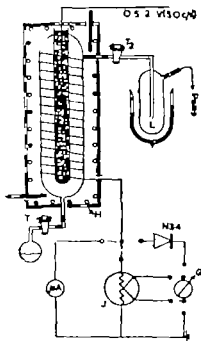


Fig 1

Experimental set up for the investigation of the variation of the discharge current with chemisorption

(H Heater coils; L Liquid air trap; VJ Varno-junction; N34: Crystal; for the details of the connections, cf. Ref. 32.)

**Working Voltage**—The discharge tubes were excited by alternating potentials of 50 cycles and the current was measured by a micro-ammeter vacuum-junction or a crystal detector. The details of these were given in a number of communications,<sup>22-26</sup> hence they were not reiterated here.

The ozonisers were worked at potentials just near the threshold potential  $V_m$ , the significance of which for the reaction under discharge in general, and for the phenomenon Joshi effect in particular has been emphasized by Professor Joshi.<sup>26</sup> It is found by the extrapolation of  $V_m$  characteristic curves (Fig. 2) to the potential ( $V$ ) - axis. Thus for water vapour ( $p=31$  mm Hg 30°C)  $V_m$  was 0.60 kV and the potential employed for the studies was 0.65 kV.

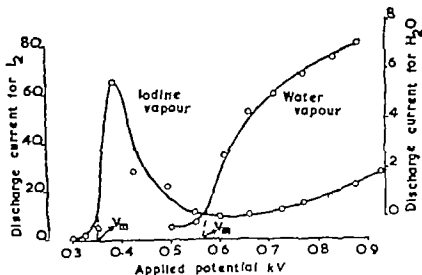


FIG 2

Determination of the Threshold Potential for water and iodine vapour

While using the ozonisers, the following may be taken into consideration—

When pure hydrogen was exposed to electrodeless discharge in glass vessels in which electrolytic currents were maintained a few condensable products were obtained.<sup>22</sup> spectroscopic studies revealed that these last consisted of water and the corresponding decomposition products.<sup>22</sup> In a discharge in pure hydrogen, the

source of oxygen appeared curious. This received satisfactory explanation from the consideration that glass was to be regarded as a solution containing  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$  as electrolyte. Of the radicals liberated at the electrodes under discharge  $\text{SiO}_2$  at the anode would breakdown into  $\text{SiO}$  and oxygen atoms which combined with hydrogen molecules to form water. Similar products like carbon monoxide oxides of nitrogen etc. were noticed with oxygen, nitrogen, etc. These evolved gases will naturally complicate the data on sorption and allied phenomena.<sup>22</sup>

The formation of certain surface compounds under discharge is known. Rodebush and Klingelhoeffer<sup>23</sup> observed a white deposit on the glass walls when chlorine was subjected to an electrodeless discharge and attributed it to a compound formed between Cl atoms and the constituents of glass. Kellner<sup>24</sup> obtained a similar compound when bromine vapour was exposed to ozoniser discharge. Ludeking<sup>25</sup> estimated the amount of  $\text{NaI}/\text{NaIO}$  formed in iodine vapour discharge. During the course of certain experiments carried out with a view to explain the observed disparity in the influence of ageing on Joishi effect in water vapour in acid treated and untreated discharge tubes<sup>21</sup> Ratnam and Devi<sup>26</sup> observed by qualitative methods that when water vapour was energised in ozoniser tubes compounds like  $\text{NaOH}$  were formed.

The reactions leading to the liberations of gases and the formation of certain surface compounds under discharge are essentially due to the electrolytic nature of conduction of electricity through glass.<sup>27</sup> Professor Joishi<sup>28</sup> has shown that in general, the rate of a chemical reaction under discharge is determined by the potential difference  $(V - V_m)$  where  $V$  is the applied voltage employed for studying the reaction. It follows from this that the smaller the difference  $(V - V_m)$  i. e. the nearer the potential to  $V_m$ , the less marked is the rate of the reaction. The voltage employed for the present studies was maintained very near to the threshold potential such that the above changes would be minimum,

Furthermore this would facilitate the studies of discharge mostly concerned with the surface of the electrodes, since it was shown in the following communication<sup>29</sup> that at potentials near  $V_m$ , the mechanisms related with the cathode e. g. the liberation of electrons therefrom by positive ionic bombardment ( $\gamma$ ) and photons ( $\mu\text{gg}$ ) was predominant, while at large  $V > V_m$  the other

processes unconnected with the surface and concerned with the gas phase (8) played an important role in the maintenance of the discharge.<sup>41</sup>

*Gases investigated.*—In the present investigation, water iodine and bromine vapours were studied. Water vapour was obtained from pure liquid water kept in a small bulb connected serially to the discharge tubes through a stop-cock  $T_1$  (Fig. 1) its pressure was computed from the knowledge of the standard vapour pressure data. Iodine and bromine vapours were obtained similarly from the corresponding solid and liquid enclosed in the bulbs.

### EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE AND RESULTS

For the first series of experiments carried out with water vapour the number of the dimensions given above was used. It was degassed and filled with water vapour ( $p=31$  mm Hg  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ) by opening the tap  $T_1$  (Fig. 1). The system was excited immediately i. e. within  $1/2$  min after the introduction of the gas, at 0.65 kV. The variation of the discharge current at intervals of 30 secs was noted. These data are represented graphically by curve

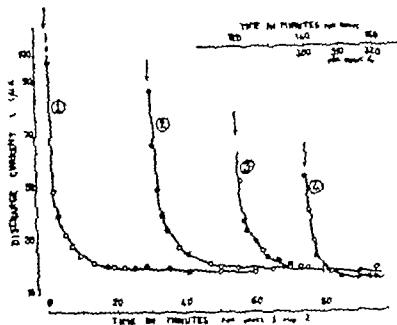


FIG 3

Variation of the Discharge current with time  
(The cross indicates the instant of excitation)

1, (Fig. 3.) After one set of experiments, the vessels were opened to atmosphere and later, *i.e.* after one day outgassed as described earlier. They were cooled to the laboratory temperature slowly and filled with the same amount of gas ( $p_{H_2O} = 31$  mm Hg  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ). Curves 2-4 (Fig. 3) give the data obtained with predischARGE intervals of 30 mins, 3 and 5 hrs. It was interesting to note that the conductivity was exceedingly large at the first instance of recording and decreased markedly rapidly with time. Thus in  $H_2O$  vapour was  $98 \mu\text{amp}$  at 1 min and  $25 \mu\text{amp}$  at 9 min. Further exposure to discharge did not alter the conductivity appreciably. Similarly in iodine vapour was 285 and 181 (relative units-galvanometer deflections) at 30 secs and 5 mins respectively (Curve 1 Fig. 4).

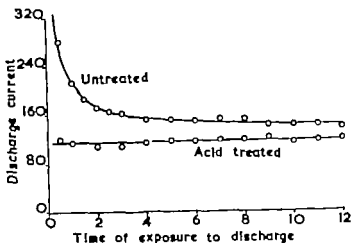


FIG 4

Variation of the Discharge Current with Time of Exposure to Discharge: A) Acid treated and U) Untreated Discharge tubes.

Like data were obtained in bromine vapour. The current attained saturation within an appreciably short time interval. Thus for water vapour the current reached the minimum stationary value within 10-12 mins, while for iodine and bromine within 4-6 min. The minimum saturation value of  $i$  for a fixed electrode separation and gas pressure appeared to be the same whatever may be the predischARGE interval (Curves 1-4 Fig. 3). The results in Fig. 4 further show that the above time variation of the discharge current is markedly affected by acid treatment. In acid treated oxonizers the conductivity remained unaltered within experimental accuracy (cf. Curves 1 and 2, Fig. 4).



## DISCUSSION

The following are the important conclusions from the foregoing results —

- (1) The conductivity of a gas introduced into a degassed vessel decreases markedly to a minimum value characteristic of the system and pressure.
- (2) The time-rate of decrease of  $i$  is exceedingly rapid.
- (3) The results are markedly affected by acid treatment.

It has been reported in the previous communication<sup>47</sup> that the (instantaneous) current in a discharge is given by

$$i = i_0 \frac{(a - \beta) e^{(a - \beta)x}}{a - \beta e^{(-\beta)x}} \quad (i)$$

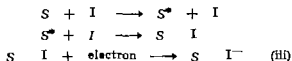
Here  $i_0 = n_0 e$  where  $n_0$  is the number of primary electrons, of charge  $e$  to be released from the cathode surface and responsible for the production of electron avalanches. The Townsend first coefficient  $a$  depends upon the position  $x$  in the nonuniform field. Further when  $a$  is much greater than the second coefficient  $\beta$  the equation (i) is written as

$$i = i_0 \frac{a \int e^{\int a dx}}{a - \beta \int e^{\int a dx} dx} \quad (ii)$$

From this, it is clear that the current and the creation of electron avalanches are fundamentally governed by  $n_0$ ,  $a$  and  $\beta$ . The Townsend coefficients  $a$  and  $\beta$  depend upon the applied field and gas pressure. For a fixed potential fed to the discharge tube of known dimensions, the field under the experimental conditions is constant. The gas pressure was observed<sup>48</sup> to decrease with time of exposure to discharge. This aspect was well investigated in hydrogen by Johnson,<sup>49</sup> the pressure of hydrogen as measured by a micromanometer constructed specially for the purpose remained sensibly constant when the system was kept unexcited when the fields were applied, the hydrogen content decreased rapidly to a minimum value. The decrease was of the order of 0.03–0.04 mm Hg. The theoretical considerations on electrical discharge in gases suggest that a reduction in gas pressure increases the current,

as actually observed.<sup>42</sup> The result (i) reported above in this paper the decrease of the conductivity was attributed to the reduction of the primary electrons on account of progressive sorption of gases under discharge. This is in accord with the observation that photo and thermo-electric currents decreased with the adsorption of electronegative atoms (or molecules). These last on account of their electron affinity capture electrons and thus retard their escape from the surface.<sup>43</sup>

The above consideration suggests that if  $S$  represents a Langmuir site on clean glass surface sorption of iodine atom thereon and the subsequent capture of electron can be represented as



This formulation would emphasize that atoms adsorbed on glass retain their electro-negative character. This however invalidates the current view that atoms are held by Langmuir adsorption on glass by having an electron from alkali atom in glass.

The rate of current decrease gives a striking support for the above view that the adsorbed gas is responsible for the finding (i). It is exceedingly rapid and attained saturation within 5-12 mins. Essentially similar result viz. rapid rate of sorption under discharge was recorded by a number of investigators. Employing spectroscopic methods Taylor observed that the disappearance of hydrogen in hydrogen-neon tubes was accomplished within 5 mins. As mentioned above Johnson<sup>44</sup> studied the sorption of hydrogen under electrodeless discharge and found that the saturation in the pressure-decrease attained within 4 mins. Willows and George<sup>45</sup> investigated sorption under discharge of various gases and noticed that it was complete in 5-8 mins.

Further Bangham<sup>46</sup> has shown with the rate of sorption of a gas on glass is well represented by the following relationship

$$S = k t^{1/2} \quad \dots \quad (\text{IV})$$

where  $S$  is the amount adsorbed upto time  $t$  in and  $k$  are constants. This equation was found to be applicable in a number of systems<sup>46,47</sup> not only with glass as an adsorbent but also with a

variety of crystalline and semi-crystalline solids e. g. taking up of iodine by charcoal<sup>20</sup> sulphurdioxide and ammonia by sodium chloride and saphire<sup>21</sup> ammonia by carborundum powder<sup>22</sup> and oxygen by activated graphite<sup>23</sup>

From the above argument if we make an assumption that the decrease ( $\delta$ ) of the current upto time  $t$  is due to the amount of gas adsorbed one would expect that

$$(\delta_t) = k t^{1/2} \quad \dots \quad (v)$$

It follows therefore that

$$\log (\delta_t) = \log k + 1/2 \log t \quad (vi)$$

It is instructive to see from Fig 5 that  $\log (\delta)$  varies sensibly linearly with  $\log t$  as required by the equation (vi)

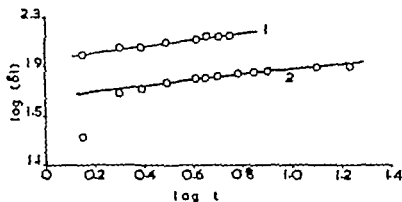


FIG 5

Variation of  $\log (\delta)$  with  $\log t$  in iodine vapour ( curve 1) and water vapour ( curve 2)

It may be mentioned that washing the discharge tubes with acid solutions altered markedly the above data. Similar results were obtained in Joishi effect ( $\Delta$ ). While in untreated ozonisers the effect could be observed immediately in acid treated vessels a certain amount of ageing was found necessary to initiate  $\Delta$ .<sup>24</sup> This disparity was attributed to the presence of alkali on the surface of former type of ozonisers which enhanced sorption to aid the occurrence of Joishi effect. Even in the measurements of sorption of gases the presence of alkali on glass surface played an important role.<sup>25</sup> Faraday<sup>26</sup> observed large adsorption of water

vapour on glass and attributed it to the existence of alkali when this last was removed by washing glass surface with acids no appreciable sorption was noticed. Similar data was recorded by Warburg and Imhori<sup>16</sup> and Harries and Schumacher<sup>17</sup>. This catalytic activity is however a general feature of such polar substances. *knowledge of a number of reactions which are controlled by the presence of traces of some polar substance is available*.<sup>18</sup> Norrish<sup>19</sup> has emphasised that the enhanced activity of gas reactions in the presence of small quantities of NaOH, KOI etc. is due to the distortion on account of the strong local disturbing forces available at the surface of the polar substance in the stable configuration of the molecule such that these last become more vulnerable to be attacked. Lennard-Jones and Dent<sup>20</sup> envisaged the various forces existing outside the surface of the polar substance:—(a) direct electrostatic force between ions in the solid and in the free state outside it (b) forces of attraction due to induced dipole in the centre of an atom or ion and the electrostatic field (c) forces due to polarisation in the substance by the free charges outside; and (d) van der Waals' forces. Of these, van der Waals' forces play a primary role they act as the first agents in the process of adsorption of atom or ion and the electrostatic forces serve to clinch the capture of ultimate adsorption.

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# STUDIES OF JOSHI EFFECT AND SECONDARY EMISSION IN A LOW FREQUENCY ELECTRODELESS DISCHARGE\*

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[Abstract: Cathode ray oscillographic studies of a low frequency electrodeless discharge in iodine vapour showed the existence of different types of pulses of these the longer ones ( ) produced by the secondary electrons released from the cathode were inhibited, while the shorter pulses ( ) due to photoionisation of the gas particles in the cathode fall region were favoured by external light and applied fields. At larger values of these last another kind of pulses ( ) unrelated to ( ) or ( ) were noticed their origin appeared unknown. While the number of ( ) was unaffected that of ( ) was decreased by magnetic fields.

The data gave an experimental evidence for the inhibition under light of the secondary emission from the cathode further unlike in d. c. discharges photoionisation in the gas phase appeared significant for the maintenance of the discharge now investigated.]

## INTRODUCTION

1 Professor Joshi's discovery of the photovariation ( $\eta$ )<sup>1</sup>  $\Delta$ <sup>2</sup> usually though not invariably diminution of the discharge conductivity and the number of the associated pulses observed on a cathode ray oscillograph opens a new field of research on electrical discharge in gases. The significance of the secondary

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emission in the maintenance of a discharge (*vide infra*) has been emphasized.<sup>2,4</sup> It was of interest therefore to investigate the effect  $\Delta i$  and other factors mentioned later. The present communication reports the details of a few studies made by us from this point of view in a low frequency electrodeless discharge in iodine vapour.

## THEORY: A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE PROCESSES IN ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE

2. In the beginning we propose to give a brief resume of the various processes occurring in electrical discharge in gases. It is felt that this will be not only of a help to future workers in this field, but also eliminates discrepancies in employing a few symbols. The method usually followed by Professor Leonard B. Loeb under whose able guidance this complicated subject has advanced to a very large extent, has been adopted.

Ordinarily there exists in gases an exceedingly small number of electrons produced by ionizing effects of radioactive and cosmic rays. When large fields are applied to the electrodes separated by a gas, these free electrons acquire energy and ionise atoms or molecules by inelastic collisions. Ionization by electron impact is the chief feature of electrical discharge (Townsend). The resulting electrons in their turn repeat the process to yield electron avalanches which are primary for determining the electrical conductivity in a discharge.<sup>5</sup> The magnitude of the current is controlled by the number of avalanches produced in unit time.

Depending upon the origin of carriers of electricity electrical discharge in gases may be divided into two classes<sup>6</sup> nonself maintained and selfmaintained discharge. In the former the primary electrons responsible for the production of electron avalanches, are generated by some external agencies like radioactive or light rays. The discharge exists so long as these last are in operation. This may be illustrated by the circumstance involved in the Geiger region of the counters. The potential applied between the wire and the cylinder of the counters is but sufficient to energise electrons to cause ionization by collision. This will happen only when once an electron is introduced into the system by external agencies. In a selfmaintained discharge "the gas



intensified photo-electric or ionisation current develops a mechanism by which new electrons can be generated in sufficient number by secondary processes in a sensitive portion of the discharge to replace externally imposed ionisation".<sup>6</sup> That is in the case of a selfmaintained discharge the agencies developed in the discharge space e.g. photons, positive ions etc produce electrons which in turn cause avalanches and their generators, a cyclic operation takes place. This will happen when the externally applied voltage is larger than a minimum value we can roughly take this value as the threshold potential  $V_m$  which is in use for long time in this field of research and the significance of which for the discharge reactions in general and for the effect  $\Delta$  in particular has been emphasised.<sup>7</sup> The threshold potential  $V_m$  is the *starting potential of a selfmaintained discharge*.

The various secondary processes active for the selfmaintained discharge are as follows —

A. In the gas phase —

- ( i ) ionisation and excitation by electron impact
- ( ii ) ionisation by positive ion impact,
- (iii) photo-electric action in the gas, and
- (iv) action of metastables in the gas

B. At the cathode —

- ( i ) electron bombardment
- ( ii ) positive ionic bombardment
- (iii) photo-electric effects
- (iv) impact of metastable atoms and
- ( v ) field currents

The first process (A i) is generally referred to as Townsend's mechanism. It is defined as the number of electrons created by ionisation of gas particles by electron impact per cm advance in the field direction by a single electron. This is the only process occurring in the Geiger or nonselfmaintained region (*vide supra*). The current due to this process is given by

$$i = i_0 e^{ax} \quad (1)$$

Here  $i = n_e e$  where  $n_e$  is the number of primary electrons of charge  $e$  and  $x$  the electrode separation.

The significance of the other processes for the selfmaintained discharge has been emphasised by Loeb<sup>4</sup> of these liberation of electrons from the cathode by positive ionic bombardment (BII) referred to  $\gamma$  mechanism and by photons created in the gas (BIII) mentioned as  $\eta \theta g$  process ( $\theta$  is the number of photons produced in the gas by an electron in advancing one cm path in the field direction  $g$  is a constant representing the fraction of photons that can reach the cathode and  $\eta$  is the fraction of photons which produce electrons that succeed in leaving the cathode) are important. The well known  $\beta$  processes refer to any one or more of the allowed secondary processes (AII-BV) while  $\gamma$  and  $\eta \theta g$  indicate these last mentioned specific mechanisms (BII and BIII). The Townsend coefficient  $\beta$  is defined as the number of new electrons created by a positive ion during its movement per cm path in the field direction by ionization of neutral gas particles.<sup>5</sup> The instantaneous current in a discharge is roughly given by

$$= i_0 \frac{e^{(-\beta)x}}{e^{(-\beta)x} - 1} \quad (2)$$

$$i = i_0 \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{1 - \gamma(e^{\alpha x} - 1)} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{or } i = i_0 \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{1 - \eta \theta g(e^{\mu x} - 1)} \quad (4)$$

In (4)  $\mu$  is the absorption coefficient of photon in the gas. For the details of these equations and especially for their altered nature in nonuniform fields, the reader is referred to the authoritative treatise Fundamental processes in electrical discharge in gases by Loeb.

The above characteristics are roughly true for discharge with alternating fields, especially when the conditions are not complicated by accumulation of space charges the processes under these circumstances are by no means fully understood.

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It may be mentioned that in recent communication Dr Arifker<sup>6</sup> represents the liberation of electrons from the cathode by photons as  $\gamma$ -mechanism and by positive ions as  $\beta$ -mechanism; this is however different from the usual method of representation.

It may be pointed out that in discharge with solid dielectric electrodes like glass the contribution of secondary electrons from the cathode material is, however limited or little since unlike in a metal the free electrons referred to as Fermi gas are negligible in glass. Electron emission from glass is improbable. It is therefore, assumed that the electrons deposited on the glass walls in the preceding half cycle and remaining unneutralised on account of their dielectric nature constitute the secondary emission, this point has been well developed by Professor Jatar<sup>18</sup> of Sangor University

### EXPERIMENTAL

§ 3. In the present investigation cylindrical glass tubes with closed ends were employed (Fig 1) they were filled with iodine vapour at a desired pressure. They were excited by external sleeve electrodes ( $S_1$  and  $S_2$ ) or metallic disc electrodes ( $T_1$  and  $T_2$ , Fig 1) fixed externally at the ends of the tubes, alternating potential (0.5 to 8kV) of 50 cycles/sec were used. The current structure was investigated by a cathode ray oscillograph (C. R. O.). For this purpose a noninductive noncapacitative carbon resistance  $R$  was introduced in the circuit and the potential developed across  $R$  was fed to the deflecting plates of the oscillograph (Fig. 1).

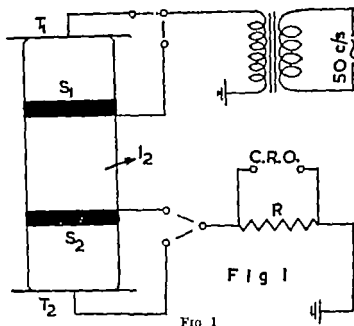


Fig 1

Experimental set up for the oscillographic studies of frequency-tetrodeless discharge in iodine vapour

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**§ 4.1 Nature of the Pulses.** Fig 2 gives a typical series of oscillograms representing the current structure of a low frequency electrodeless discharge in iodine vapour ( $p=0.47$  mm Hg) at varied applied potentials. It was observed that on every half cycle of the current trace were produced some transient pulses. By suitable

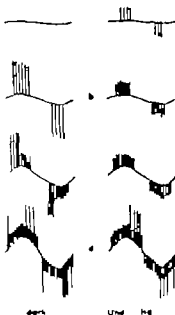


FIG 2

Oscillograms representing the current structure in low frequency electrodeless discharge in iodine vapour in dark and under light at (a) 1.5, (b) 1.9, (c) 2.3 and (d) 2.7 kV (50 cycles/sec).

adjustment of the controls of the oscilloscope that is, by increasing the sweep frequency the nature of a single pulse could be studied. It appeared generally (*vide infra*) as a critically damped wave (cf. Fig 3a) composed of two phases, one representing a very steep rise and the other a slow process of decay of the curve. The pulse is defined by Korff<sup>11</sup> as the potential drop of the anode. It has been mentioned that under fields the electrons acquire energy and ionize gas particles and yield avalanches. The produced electrons deposit themselves on the anode in an appreciably short time interval on account of this, the corresponding potential decreases and this

reduction is manifested in the form of the steep rise of the current trace of a pulse. The latter part of the curve represents the recovery of the anode potentials to its normal value this is however comparatively a slow process; it is due to the deposition of slow moving positive ions produced in the avalanche formation on the cathode. It was estimated that the total pulse time was approximately  $2 \times 10^{-11}$  sec.<sup>11</sup> As pointed out earlier<sup>2</sup> the (repetition) frequency of the pulses observed on a c r o. corresponds roughly to that of the Trichel pulses (of the order of a few kc/sec) detected in a negative corona.

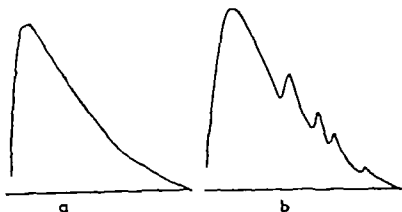


FIG 3

Nature of pulse at different (inter-) electrode separations (a) 18 mm and (b) 90 mm.

When the electrode separation ( $x$ ) was large the wave form especially in the later phase of the pulse was found to be of damped nature (Fig. 3b). This irregular behaviour of the declining part of the current trace of a pulse chiefly at large  $x$  would suggest that it may be connected with the positive ion accumulation or space charge shown by calculations to be possible even with low frequency potentials at enhanced electrode separations like 9 cm.

4.2. *Types of Pulses and their Origin.* A study of the oscillograms in Fig. 2 indicates that under ordinary conditions (*vide supra*) there occurred chiefly two types of pulses—(i) the longer pulses and (ii) shorter pulses. From the definition of a pulse it follows that the larger the potential drop the longer is the pulse height. The longer pulses (i) were therefore attributed to

enhanced number of avalanches created by fast moving electrons released from the cathode by  $\gamma$  and  $\eta \theta_g$  processes (of § 2) while the shorter pulses (ii) were produced by avalanches generated by electrons formed in the gas phase by other secondary processes ( $\beta$ ). Invariably pulses of large amplitude occurred in the beginning of the current trace and then the shorter ones follow; it seems therefore that when the alternating potential exceeds the breakdown value of the medium the  $\gamma$  and  $\eta \theta_g$  mechanisms take a significant part in the initiation of a discharge and lead to the production of favourable circumstances for the development of other secondary processes. For example the photons produced in the course of the formation of avalanches leading to (i), may be absorbed by the gas particles to regenerate electrons which give rise to (ii). As will be shown later photoionisation in the gas phase appears primary to the shorter pulses (ii).

#### § 4.3 *Effect of Applied potential on the production of Pulses.*

The oscillograms in Fig 2 further point out the marked dependence of the production of the pulses on the applied potential  $V$ . When this last was not sufficient enough to cause a selfmaintained discharge i.e. at  $V < V_m$ , the current trace under simple enough conditions say in the absence of external light, was but sinusoidal without any superimposition of any pulses. When  $V$  was just equal to  $V_m$ , remarkably enough the longer pulses only were observed in every half cycle these were roughly of equal height indicating that the number of avalanches necessary to constitute a pulse was sensibly the same for every pulse. Increase of  $V$  decreased the number of (i) and initiated the shorter pulses which occurred always after one or a group of longer pulses (*vide supra*). Further the shorter pulses also were roughly of the same amplitude. Electrons created by the photoionisation of a gas particle chiefly in the neighbourhood of the cathode acquire energy under fields and start ionisation by inelastic collisions with atoms and molecules approximately from a fixed point away from the cathode (Fig 4). The generation of electrons increases however initially exponentially and decreases as they recede from the cathode to weaker fields. The ion production continues until the field becomes too weak to cause ionisation by collision. The region between this point (say  $\gamma$ , see Fig 4) and the earlier one (  $\beta$  ) from which ionisation by electron impact predominates, may be referred to roughly as the plasma region of the discharge under investigation.

It may be mentioned that ionization of the gas particles between cathode and the point  $r$  is not excluded and occurs by the rapidly moving electrons released from the cathode by  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  processes (Fig. 4).

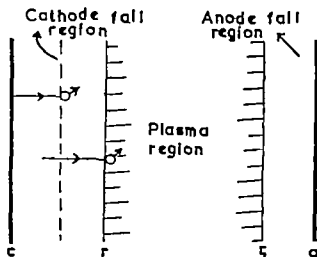


FIG 4

Plasma region in low frequency electrodeless discharge.

At much larger  $\gamma$  the production of the longer pulses was inhibited appreciably only one pulse of this type could be detected at the beginning of that phase of the alternating cycle at which and above the voltage was enough to cause ionization by collision. This pulse persisted over a wide range of  $\gamma$ . Under these conditions the current trace was superimposed over an appreciable part of it by the pulses of type (ii). It appeared that the discharge at these potentials was completely maintained by the processes responsible for (ii). This observation led us to suggest<sup>13</sup> that photolysis in the gas phase was a significant secondary mechanism for the maintenance of a low frequency electrodeless discharge in iodine vapour. It may be mentioned that this feature brings out a distinction between low frequency discharge and that with d. c. potentials, since in this last case it has been emphasized that the above mentioned process is insignificant especially in a nonheterogeneous gas.

The inhibitive effect of large fields on the production of larger pulses, was remarkable. Other workers<sup>1</sup> appeared to have noticed essentially similar results in chlorine: no distinction regarding the different types of pulses as that pointed out in the present paper could however be mentioned. Presumably a marked difference in the heights of pulses (i) and (ii) might not have existed under their experimental conditions: this circumstance will definitely occur under conditions favouring large ionisation zones or wide plasma regions; at a suggestion due to present senior author one of us (M. G. B.) has investigated this factor and the details will be given elsewhere<sup>12</sup>. The inhibition of the pulses with enhanced  $\gamma$  it was argued, was not due to the photons created in the course of time in which the previous pulse occurred. It follows from that at large  $\gamma$  increased ion bombardment on the electrode surface causes dissociation of adsorbed molecules to yield atoms or/and radicals with large electron affinity: these capture the secondary electrons (contributed by electrons deposited in the preceding half cycle and remaining unneutralised on account of the dielectric property of the glass walls, vide § 2) to be released from the cathode by  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  processes and responsible for (i). In gases containing metastables e.g. in chlorine the same viz. the dissociation of surface adsorbed molecules to inhibit the secondary emission, can happen with the high energetic and long life-particles<sup>13</sup>.

It may be pointed out that at  $V = V_m$ , altogether different kind of pulses (iii) have been noticed. These occurred chiefly at the end of the half cycle and had roughly the same height as the pulses of type (i) (Fig. 2d). While the pulses (i) or (ii) appeared on the current trace regularly one after another these new pulses found their place intermingled with (ii) with no sequence whatsoever. The pulses (i) or (ii) were affected by external radiation (*vide infra*) whereas this last appeared to have no influence on the pulses of type (iii) detected in iodine vapour. The origin of these pulses however needs further investigation.

**4.4 Influence of Irradiation Joshi's effect** The data in Fig. 2 further show the effect of exposure of the discharge tube to the light from a 200 watt (glass) bulb. At potentials  $V$  below  $V_m$  especially in the nonselfmaintained region of the discharge irradiation initiated the shorter pulses (Fig. 2a) this was mentioned as positive Joshi effect  $+\Delta i$ . At  $V = V_m$  external light inhibited



markedly the observed longer pulses (Fig. 2b) to give the negative Joishi effect,  $-\Delta$  this last attained invariably its maximum at this potential  $V_m$ . Remarkably enough the decrease in the number of the longer pulses under light was accompanied by the simultaneous production of shorter pulses (Fig. 3) this indicates the co-occurrence of positive and negative effects,  $\pm \Delta$  anticipated from altogether different studies with the observations of the rms value of the current and its variation with the determinants like external light, its intensity and frequency and the resistance and capacitance of the measuring circuit, etc. At potentials above  $V_m$  the oscillograms under light contained only the pulses (ii) which were of the same height, characteristic of the Geiger or nonself-maintained region of the discharge in which Townsend  $\gamma$ -mechanism only was operative but the externally impressed voltage was known to be enough to maintain the secondary processes also. This indicated that light inhibited these last especially from the cathode as illustrated by the preferential inhibition under light of longer pulses which were produced by  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  g mechanisms. It may be pointed out that at  $V > V_m$  (Fig. 2d) the one longer pulse which occurred just at the beginning of the ionising phase of the alternating cycle could only be suppressed. This observation would strikingly support the above mentioned inhibitive action of light on pulses (i). Further irradiation initiated or/and increased the number of shorter pulses these were of the same properties as those produced at  $V > V_m$  in the absence of external light. The favourable influence of irradiation on the occurrence of shorter pulses suggested that of the various processes (secondary) occurring in the gas phase and responsible for (ii) photoionisation in the gaseous medium was fundamental to their production.<sup>1</sup> It may be argued on similar grounds that of the two processes viz.,  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  g, responsible for (i) positive ion bombardment on the cathode ( $\gamma$ ) is primary to the longer pulses however the evidence is inadequate to confirm this deduction.

For the occurrence of the effect  $\Delta$ , Professor Joishi<sup>12</sup> suggests that (a) under discharge an adsorption-like layer consisting of excited particles, ions and electrons, and characterised by a low work function is formed (b) electrons are emitted under light from this boundary layer (c) negative ion formation due to capture of these photoelectrons by excited neutral particles, especially atoms or/and radicals with large electron affinity causes

a current decrease as a space charge effect and (d) uncaptured electrons and their secondaries give the positive effect  $+\Delta i$ . The observed photo-increase ( $+\Delta i$ ) of the rms value of the current and the initiation under light of pulses at potentials  $V < V_m$  was reported to be in striking agreement with the postulates (b) and (d). Capture of electrons is possible only when their velocity is low when this last increases, the probability of their being captured decreases, i. e. the population of uncaptured electrons increases. From the considerations put forward in this communication electrons released from the cathode by any mechanism and unhindered by subsidiary processes especially on account of their large velocity should lead to the production of longer pulses, but not the shorter pulses as observed (Fig. 2). Further at constant light frequency increase of applied  $V$  from values below threshold potential to those above  $V_m$  will cause the velocity of photo-electron larger and larger this should reduce the probability of electron capture and lead to larger positive Joshi effect  $+\Delta i$  at  $V > V_m$  than that observed at  $V < V_m$  however at  $V > V_m$  appreciable negative effect is observed.

Harries and Engel<sup>12</sup> and one of us<sup>13</sup> (N. A. R.) suggested simultaneously that light augments the dissociation of molecules held by van der Waals forces on a primary Langmuir layer on the electrodes, to yield atoms or/and radicals which reduce the secondary emission to give the negative Joshi effect  $-\Delta i$ . The positive effect  $+\Delta i$  is due to photoionization of pre-excited particles on or/and in the vicinity of the cathode<sup>14</sup>. The suppression of the longer pulses and the creation of shorter pulses under light follows from this hypothesis. There are however a few experimental findings, unconnected with the present studies, which cannot be explained by this mechanism also. The limitations of not only these two suggestions, but of all surface layer theories of the phenomenon are discussed elsewhere<sup>15</sup>.

**4.5 Influence of External Magnetic Field** Oscillograms obtained when the discharge tube was subjected to a transverse magnetic field  $H$  were returned in Fig. 5. It was interesting to note that  $H$  (~400 gauss) decreased the number of the shorter pulses only.  $H$  had no effect on the longer pulses. The following will help to account for these observations. Fig. 6 represents a rough picture of the processes occurring in one half cycle of

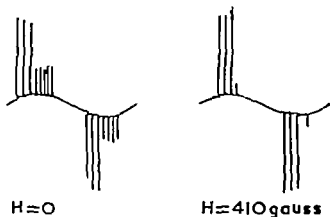


FIG 5

Oscillograms representing the effect of external magnetic field on the pulse of low frequency electrodeless discharge.

a plane cathode and anode in a magnetic field. The considerations mentioned below will apply only to circumstances where there is no accumulation of (positive ionic) space charges in which case the conditions are highly complicated. Calculations showed that with low electrode separations ( $X=20\text{mm}$ ) and low frequency (50 cycles/sec) potentials the positive ion accumulation is little. It is not necessary to state that in the absence of magnetic field the path of the electron is in the field direction. Under otherwise conditions the path is determined by the electric and magnetic fields electrons in a uniform  $H$  move in circular paths whose (Larmour) radius  $R$  is given by the well known equation  $R = m v / H e$  where  $m/e$  is the ratio of the mass to charge of an electron and  $v$  its velocity determined by the field.<sup>24</sup> In Fig. 6, A at the cathode the region represents the trajectory of an electron making no collision with gas particles. It is clear that in the absence of  $H$  will enter to the production of electron avalanche defects this electron way from leads to a loss in the generation however cannot have any effect in the region since the correction effect on the fast to  $\gamma$  and  $\eta$  is proportional

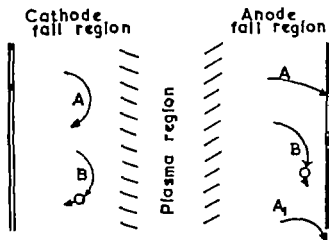


FIG 6

Effect of a gas field on electron trajectories in the cathode and anode.

on the longer pulses (*vid supra*). In Fig 6 *B* refers to the trajectory of an electron causing an inelastic collision with a gas particle as it is deflected away from the ionisation zone the resulting electron possesses very little initial velocity and its path will too be cycloidal. At the anode (cf. Fig 6) the deflected trajectories of electrons making collisions (*B*) or no collision (*A*) with atoms do not lead to appreciable loss in ion collection at the anode when electrons are removed out of the discharge space due to (*H*) (of trajectory *A*) it however leads to a decrease in the number of ions to be collected at the anode. This is referred to the enhancement of diffusion coefficient under *H* which causes to a reduction of the average pulse height but not the inhibition of a complete pulse. The loss of an electron in the cathode fall region causes a reduction in the valence production, while that in the anode fall region leads to decrease in the collection of a few ions at the anode. The observed inhibition under *H* of pulses of type (ii) appears therefore to be due to the former reason. From the studies of the rms values of *i* and the variation thereof under *H* it has been deduced in a recent communication that the changes occurring in the anode fall region are significant the present oscillographic data are however indicative of a contrary conclusion.

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# COMPARATIVE INVESTIGATIONS ON THE COLLOIDAL BEHAVIOUR OF PRUSSIAN AND TURNBULL'S BLUES AND THEIR COMPOSITION

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[Abstract: In this paper the effect of uni, bi, tri and tetravalent ions on the coagulation of Prussian and Turnbull's blue sols has been studied under varying conditions of concentration, dilution, purity and age of the sols. The sols behave normally with various electrolytes on dialysis, dilution and ageing. The abnormal dilution effect with monovalent electrolytes has been explained on the basis of ionic antagonism. The coagulation values of electrolytes in the case of aged samples of turnbull's blue and prussian blue of the same concentration have been found to be almost identical and from this an evidence has been gathered in regard to the identity of the composition of both the blues as had been observed by Hofmann (Ann. Chem., 1904, 1, 36), Muller (J. prakt. Chem. 1922, 104, 2410) by analytical methods and by Saxena and Bhattacharya (J. I. C. S. 1951, 28, 141-149, 221-224, 703-709, 1952, 29, 829-834) by physico-chemical studies.

Although sulphide and hydroxide sols have been investigated more frequently and elaborately by many workers Schulze (J. praktische Chem. 29, 431, 1882), Hardy (Zeitsch. physik. Chem. 33, 385, 1900), H. Freundlich (Z. physik. Chem. 44, 129, 1903, 73, 385, 1910), Ostwald (Kolloid, Z. 1920, 26, 69) and Ghosh and Dhar (J. Physical Chem., 1927, 31, 187) the references to the investigations on the behaviour of more complex sols have been comparatively rare. No systematic study has so far been made on the colloidal properties of turnbull's blue. A fairly extensive work has been done on the coagulative properties of prussian blue sols but it is rather interesting to note that there exists a fundamental

difference as well in the experimental results obtained by recent workers 'Weiser Ghosh and Dhar'. The colloidal studies of these blues prepared under similar conditions may also throw some light on the identity of their composition. In view of this, it was thought necessary to carry out as far as possible comparative investigations on the coagulating properties of these sols. The previous investigations so far made on prussian blue sols were in presence of oxalic acid used as the peptising agent which might vitiate the inferences and hence I have studied the colloidal behaviour of prussian blue prepared by adding excess of  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$  only which acted as a stabilising agent.]

## EXPERIMENTAL

Prussian blue sol (A of concentration 3 gms./litre) was prepared by mixing 1 equivalent of  $FeCl_3$  to  $3/4$  equivalents of  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$ ; i.e., 12.40 c. of N/2.004  $FeCl_3$  and 8.50 c. of N/1.952  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$  and the soln. made upto 500c.c.) Turnbull's blue sol of the same concentration prepared by mixing 1 equivalent of ferrous sulfate and  $3/4$  equivalents of  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$  was found to be unstable and hence a more stable sol was prepared by mixing the reactants in the ratio of 1 :  $3/2$ ; i.e., 10.40 c. of N/2.06  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$  added to 508c.c. of N/10  $FeSO_4 \cdot 7H_2O$  and the soln. made upto half a litre.)

The coagulation of the sol was studied as described by H. Freundlich (Colloid and capillary chemistry) 50c. of the sol was taken in test tubes, varying amount of electrolytes were then added and the soln. made upto 100c. in each case by the addition of water. The mixture was thoroughly mixed and the test tubes were left in the rack for one hour. The vol. of the electrolyte which just coagulated the sol in one hour is noted from which the precipitation concentration is calculated.

The coagulation values of various electrolytes have been determined for undialysed dialysed and aged samples of prussian and turnbull's blue sols at various dilutions.



Table I

Undialysed prussian blue sol of concentration 2 gms./lit is denoted by A

Coagulating electrolytes	PRECIPITATION CONCENTRATION		
	A = 2 gms./lit	A/2 = 1 gm./lit.	A/4 = .5gm./lit
LiCl	1.15 M/lit.	1.01 M/lit	0.98 M/lit
KCl	.17	.19 "	.52 " "
NaCl	1.05 "	.58 " "	.215 "
BaCl <sub>2</sub>	.0065	.0060 "	.0035 "
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	.00299 "	.008 "	.007 "
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	.0336 "	.029 "	.027 "
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	.0008	.0005 "	.0005 "
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	.001 "	.00038 "	.00055 "
CrCl <sub>3</sub>	.00042 "	.00021 "	.00016 "
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	.00073 "	.00043 "	.00028 "
Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	.00031	.00018 "	.000137 "
Ce(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	.00047 "	.0004	.00037 "

Table II

Prussian blue sol A of concentration 2 gms./lit dialysed for 3, 6 and 9 days.

Coagulating electrolytes	PRECIPITATION CONCENTRATIONS		
	Perion	Dialysis	
	3 day	6 days	9 day
LiCl	.82 M/lit.	.688 M/lit	.58 M/lit
KCl	.185	.137	.115
NaCl	.66	.56	.46
BaCl <sub>2</sub>	.0015	.000825	.0008
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	.0045	.00335	.00177
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	.0006	.00046	.00043
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	.011	.00725	.0065
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	.00064	.00060	.00057
CrCl <sub>3</sub>	.00026	.00019	.00014
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	.00032	.00024	.00021
Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	.00024	.00018	.000137
Ce(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	.00042	.00029	.00024

Table III

Aged Prussian blue sol A=2 gms./lit, period of ageing 35 days  
coagulation values of electrolytes on diluting the sol to A/2 and A/4

Coagulating electrolytes	PRECIPITATION CONCENTRATION		
	A=2 gm /lit	A/2=1 gm./lit	A/4= .5gm /lit
LiCl	1.1 M/lit	.96 M/lit	.88 M/lit
NaCl	.98	.54	.47
KCl	155	17	19
BaCl <sub>2</sub>	.0055	.00475	.004
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	.0259	.008	.0065
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	.032	.028	.023
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	.00065	.0005	.0004
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	.0007	.000502	.00041
CrCl <sub>3</sub>	.00026	.00033	.00012
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	.00066	.00028	.00023
Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	.00029	.000162	.00012
Co(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	.00045	.00036	.000337

Table IV

Undialysed Turnbull's blue sol A=2 gms./lit, prepared by  
mixing 1 equivalent of FeSO<sub>4</sub> and 3/2 equivalents of K<sub>3</sub>Fe (CN)<sub>6</sub>

	1.18 M/lit	1.15 M/lit	1.06 M/lit
LiCl	1.18 M/lit	1.15 M/lit	1.06 M/lit
NaCl	1.115	1.07	.60
KCl	14	17	19
BaCl <sub>2</sub>	.013	.0076	.0055
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	.031	.027	.019
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	.00115	.00059	.00040
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	.0041	.00053	.00035
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	.034	.0303	.025
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	.0012	.00063	.00025
Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	.00041	.00022	.00015
Co(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	.0006	.00047	.00035

Table V

Turnbull's blue sol of concentration 2 gms /lit. dialysed for 3 6 and 9 days

Coagulating electrolytes	PRECIPITATION CONCENTRATION		
	PERIOD OF DIALYSIS		
	3 d y	6 days	9 days
LiCl	68 M/lit	.59 M/lit	.54 M/lit
NaCl	.54	.52	.50
KCl	13	12	115
BaCl <sub>2</sub>	00103	0009	0007
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	00423	004	00343
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	0103	0091	0075
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	.000557	000543	000318
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	00032	0003	00045
CrCl <sub>3</sub>	000238	000208	00019
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	000333	0003	00023
Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	00019	00016	00014
Ce(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	00039	00024	00020

Table VI

Aged Turnbull's blue sol A (undialysed) of concentration 2 gms /lit. period of ageing 35 days Coagulation values of electrolytes on diluting the aged sol A to A/3 and A/4

Coagul to g least electrolytes	PRECIPITATION CONCENTRATION		
	A=2 gms /lit	A/2=1 gm /lit	A/4=.5 gms./lit
LiCl	1 06 M /lit	80 M/lit	68 M/lit
NaCl	06	.80	.56
KCl	13	14	155
BaCl <sub>2</sub>	0115	006	0035
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	.0268	021	013
MgCl <sub>2</sub>	031	023	0203
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	00063	0003	00016
ZnCl <sub>2</sub>	0003	00025	000137
AlCl <sub>3</sub>	00096	0003	00015
CrCl <sub>3</sub>	00033	00019	00012
Th(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub>	00036	00016	0001
Ce(SO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	0003	00035	00023

## DISCUSSION

It has been observed that the Schulze-Hardy law is followed in the general sense that the greater the valency of the oppositely charged ion the greater its coagulating power in other words, the coagulating powers of  $\text{Th}^{4+} \text{Ce}^{4+} > \text{Al}^{3+} \text{Cr}^{3+} > \text{Ba}^{2+} \text{Ca}^{2+} \text{Mg}^{2+}, \text{Zn}^{2+} \text{Od}^{2+} > \text{K}^{+}, \text{Na}^{+}, \text{Li}^{+}$

From the observations recorded in table II V it is evident that the behaviour of both the blue sols is quite normal towards electrolytes on progressive dialysis. The investigations throw further light on the relationship between the influence of dialysis and the stability of the sols. The stability decreases with the number of days the sol has been dialysed in other words, as the purity of the sol increases.

With monovalent electrolytes, the coagulation values gradually decrease with dialysis. The general behaviour of bivalent electrolytes, Zn and Od regarding the gradual fall of precipitation concentration with purity of the sol is similar. This is in conformity with the electrochemical behaviour of zinc and cadmium their precipitation values are also very close to each other. The fall in concentration of  $\text{Ba}^{2+} \text{Ca}^{2+} \text{Mg}^{2+}$  with progressive dialysis seems to be similar although there exists much difference between the precipitation concentrations taken individually. The trivalent ions  $\text{Al}^{3+} \text{Cr}^{3+}$  have got much less precipitation concentration while tetravalent ions  $\text{Th}^{4+} \text{Ce}^{4+}$  have the least ppt concentrations.

On dilution, the concentration of the sols decreases, consequently the ppt concentrations of all other electrolytes also decrease except that of KCl which is found to increase.

The fundamental factors which play an important role in the coagulation of colloids in general are (1) charge of the precipitating ion (2) adsorption of the stabilising ion. My results of quantitative estimations on adsorption of  $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  by prussian blue and of  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  by turnbull's blue have shown that prussian blue and turnbull's blue have fairly good capacity to adsorb ferro and ferri cyanogen ions respectively and further that the former had greater capacity of adsorption for ferrocyanogen ions than the latter had for ferricyanogen ions. My results of investigation are in full agreement with the views that the stability of these sols is mainly due to the adsorption of ferro and ferri cyanogen ions respectively

because as the dialysis progresses, the stabilising ions are gradually removed with the result that the precipitation concentrations of the coagulating electrolytes gradually fall. That prussian blue has greater capacity to adsorb ferrocyanogen ions than turnbull's blue to adsorb ferriocyanogen ions is further proved by the fact that with the progress of dialysis the stability of the turnbull's blue sol decreases much more rapidly than that of prussian blue (*vid tables 2,5*)

The abnormal dilution effect with monovalent electrolyte KCl has been explained by the ionic antagonism caused by the adsorption of ions bearing the same charge as the colloid particles. Ghosh and Dhar (Jour. Phys. Chem. 1927 31 847) have shown that the sol behaves normally towards dilution when the ions carrying the same charge as the colloid particles are not adsorbed in appreciable amount. Dhar and collaborators (J.I.C.S., 1939 6 644 1939 9 315-1933 10 471) have studied the change of stability of various other sols like Ferric hydroxide Aluminium hydroxide and thorium hydroxide containing appreciable amounts of stabilising electrolytes and had drawn the same conclusions. Although the dilution effect has been explained by Ghosh and Dhar as being due to the greater adsorption of stabilising ions, I am of opinion that the process is more complicated and is a result of consecutive or side processes such as (1) charge neutralisation (2) adsorption of stabilising ions (3) size of the particles (4) distance between the particles (5) the phenomenon of hydrolysis which may also take place in some cases. In coagulation processes therefore all these phenomenon are taking place simultaneously and are mostly responsible for the stability of a colloidal solution.

In the case of diluted sols the distance between the particles along with the adsorption phenomena and the concentration of the colloid seems to offer a more probable explanation for the abnormal behaviour with some monovalent electrolyte

The difference in the behaviour of these blue sols on ageing may be attributed to the difference in the size of the particles, other reasons such as charge hydration etc., may also prevail. My observations on aged sols go to show that the precipitation concentrations fall on ageing. It appears that most probably the size of the particles increases on ageing and hence the decrease in the ppt. concentration is observed.

My investigations on the colloidal blues throw further light on the existing views regarding the composition of soluble prussian and turnbull's blues. In the light of my physico-chemical studies on their composition it may be concluded that the complexes of the types indicated are formed, indeed, but they undergo a change of state to that of a colloid by the adsorption of the stabilising ions. This view is further supported by the fact that on ageing the undialysed sols of prussian and turnbull's blues they appear to attain almost the same stage of dispersity. The coagulating values of many electrolytes ( $\text{LiCl}$ ,  $\text{NaCl}$ ,  $\text{KCl}$ ,  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ,  $\text{MgCl}_2$ ,  $\text{CdCl}_2$ ,  $\text{Co}(\text{SO}_4)_2$ , vide tables III, VI) almost approach each other quantitatively both for undiluted and diluted aged sols. Regarding their composition also identity has been observed in the formation of the compound  $\text{KFe}[(\text{FeCN})_6]$  (vide publications J. I. O. S. 1951 141, 231 703 1952 539).

The foregoing observations regarding similarity of composition of prussian and turnbull's blue on ageing, are in agreement with the conclusions arrived at by Hofmann and Muller by analytical methods and by Bhattacharya by his studies on the absorption spectra and magnetic susceptibilities of these compounds (Zell. anorg. Chem. 1933, 213 240; J. I. O. S., 1903 12 143, 1934, 11 325).

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# INFLUENCE OF AGING UNDER ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE ON JOSHI EFFECT IN MERCURY VAPOUR

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## INTRODUCTION

The occurrence of *Joshi-effect* detected first in chlorine<sup>1</sup> was found subsequently to be not a special feature of any particular gas or vapour but rather a general phenomenon since it has been observed in a number of systems, <sup>2, 3, 4</sup> viz., oxygen nitrogen sodium potassium, bromine iodine and also in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{HBr}$  and  $\text{NO}_2$ . Besides these homogeneous systems studies were made in certain mixtures of the above gases and vapours like air  $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2 + \text{I}_2$  etc. Recently these investigations were extended to mercury vapour<sup>5</sup> and remarkably enough 100 per cent relative *Joshi-effect* was observed under favourable conditions with but ordinary light. The profound influence of 'aging' and wall effect emphasized by Prof Joshi soon after the discovery of the phenomenon and observed in the above-mentioned systems by him and his co-workers<sup>6, 7</sup> was found in mercury vapour more pronounced than in any other excited medium. It was observed that, compared with other gases the production of *Joshi-effect* in mercury vapour necessitated the continuous 'aging' under electrical discharge for unusually long periods. A systematic study in some detail of the above factor was therefore undertaken.

## DESCRIPTION OF APPARATUS AND METHOD

The behaviour of a number of ozonizers charged with mercury vapour (*vide infra*) was investigated. The results now reported refer to two typical systems numbered 1 and 2. The former contained a globule of liquid mercury well outside the annular space

the seat of the discharge produced under the applied fields. The discharge space contained therefore mercury vapour at a pressure of 0.002 mm Hg in equilibrium with the liquid phase. The other oxoniser 2 contained only the vapour at the above pressure. The dimensions of the oxonisers such as the length and width of the annular space are 100 and 2 mm respectively for oxoniser 1 and 200 and 2 mm for 2. Arrangement was made to obtain a simultaneous and non-stop electric discharge in the annular spaces of the two oxonisers and it was conducted for about 440 hours. The electrical circuit and the general set up are as follows. Single phase A.C. of 50 cycle frequency was obtained from 220 volt mains and the potential was stepped up by means of a H.T. transformer of ratio 20 000/150. The primary potential of the transformer was regulated with a potentiometric arrangement and the secondary potential was obtained from a knowledge of the transformer ratio and primary potential. The low tension current was measured with a sensitive mirror galvanometer the detector being triode 30 coupled inductively with the low tension and used as a diode by short circuiting the grid and plate. Current observations were made when the oxonisers were in dark and irradiated with a 200 watt, 220 volt incandescent (glass) bulb at every 12 or 6 hours or even at smaller intervals of time as desired.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The generality of these results is sufficiently represented by two typical groups of curves in Fig. 1 which show the time variation

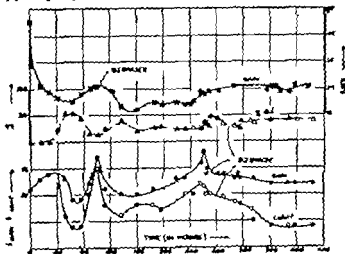


Fig. 1



of  $i$  (current in dark)  $i$  (current in light) and  $\% \Delta i = \left( \frac{i - i}{i} \times 100 \right)$ . Only  $\Delta i = i - i$  has been given in the case of ozoniser 2 since *Josh-i-effect*  $\Delta i = i - i$  was not observed therein. These curves show that despite the constancy of applied potential the conductivity was not constant but varied with duration of exposure of the system to electrical discharge until a long period of time. Furthermore this time variation is characterized by discontinuities. The exciting potential was kept constant at 0.67 kV (r.m.s.) throughout the course of the experiment. Its maximum fluctuation was less than 1/4th of 0.2 volt, which latter represented the least division on the scale of A.C. volt-meter (Weston's) used. From the conductivity potential characteristics obtained for ozonisers 1 and 2, it was found that the current variations of the order of magnitude as shown by the curves of  $i$  with time at constant exciting potential corresponded to a potential difference of 0.2 to 0.5 of a volt in the primary. This variation was excluded since such a voltage fluctuation was not permissible under the operative conditions and very especially so during periods of the observation of  $i$  and  $i$ . The discontinuous character of the above curves suggest, therefore a methodic feature in the behaviour of the system due to aging under electrical excitation.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A consideration of the curves showing the time-variation of  $i$  in the ozonisers 1 and 2 (which are but typical of several such series obtained) indicates 3 consecutive stages, viz., (1) a rapid alteration in the conductivity of the discharge current in the initial stage. It may be an increase or a decrease (2) an alternate rise and diminution of  $i$  with decreasing amplitude in the course of time showing a periodicity like behaviour and lastly (3) the attainment of a stationary conductivity.

Similar phenomenon was observed in excited iodine vapour by Joshi and Bhutt and Deshmukh<sup>2</sup> and in bromine vapour by B. B. Prasad and Jathar<sup>11</sup> and by Deshmukh<sup>10</sup> and in chlorine by Deo<sup>4</sup>.

This variation of the discharge current  $i$  with time at a constant exciting potential indicates that some surface or wall action is an operative factor. Also under electrical discharge many physical reactions would take place including adsorption as well as desorption. Both processes may take place simultaneously or one

after another. These would considerably alter the pressure and therefore the conductivity of the system and the variation of  $i$  would be a time reaction as determined by the above factors. The explanation advanced by Joshi for the phenomenon observed in systems mentioned above is that of a formation and stabilisation of an adsorbed layer derived in part, from excited molecules and ions which according to him is also a chief seat of the photo-suppression of the discharge current. The process of adsorption alters the capacitance associated with the container walls and the gas phase consequently the conductivity is altered. Associated with the instability of the formation of the adsorbed layer there is intermittent sorption and desorption or/and the production at the surface of the walls, of unstable intermediate products of discharge reaction, all leading to a synchronous time ratio in the conductivity.

The results now reported are in conformity with these suggestions. It is seen that *Joshi-effect* was observed in ozoniser 1 only after about 40 hours of exposure of the system to discharge and thereafter  $\% \Delta i$  fluctuated between 57 and 13 and became constant at the end of the experiment. This suggests the formation and eventual stabilisation of an adsorbed layer. The breaks on the  $\% \Delta i$ -time curve however are due to those in the time variation of  $i$  and of  $\Delta$  (cf  $i_p$ ,  $i_L$  curves in Fig. 1). The production of  $\Delta$ ; it may be noted is different from that of a change in the magnitude of  $i_p$  due to alteration in the capacitance associated with the walls and gas phase. Joshi<sup>2, 3</sup> has pointed out that the latter is well a time process whereas the former has been shown to be from the measurements of time lag on the production of  $\Delta$ ; an instantaneous process.

In ozoniser 2, an appreciable initial decrease of  $i$  is noticeable. This may be due to a pressure reduction in the system by adsorption of the vapour by container walls. This corresponds to the well-known clean up phenomena. But in ozoniser 1 a slight initial increase is seen. Here the walls of the ozoniser are not blank due to pre-heat treatment given which was simply baking the ozoniser at about 200°C for about 4 hours. As a result of this, fine droplet of liquid mercury can be expected to condense on the surface and the adsorption of the vapour might have taken place even before starting the electrical discharge in the system.

In the explanation of the periodic phenomenon observed in  $\text{NO} + \text{H}_2$  mixture and also in  $\text{NO}_2$ , Joshi<sup>12</sup> pointed out that the walls of the system under the influence of applied potential developed a strained condition and assumed that the duration of this strained condition and the time needed for recovery therefrom during the progress of discharge reaction is periodic and as a consequence a like change in the time rate of the discharge reaction is produced. It is also pointed out that adsorption of activated molecules and ions of limited life also takes place thus giving rise to instability in the capacitances associated with the container walls and the gas phase and as a result the conductivity shows a time reaction. This second stage of the time-variation of  $i$  is explicable on this basis. It is however to be noted that to secure constant magnitudes of  $\mu$ ,  $i$  and  $\Delta$ , a period of about 420 hours was taken which, in comparison with the aforesaid systems is excessively long. This suggests that the process of sorption and desorption is slower with metallic vapours than with gases which is indeed the case as pointed out by Sherwood<sup>13</sup>.

The results of the studies on hysteresis in *Joshi-effect* (which were carried out in a number of gases and vapours including mercury in these Laboratories) show that the surface action of the kind discussed above is compatible with its associated time lag. Moreover the mechanism of  $\Delta$  postulated much earlier by Prof Joshi for the phenomenon itself is consistent with such a surface action. He assumed three stages resulting in the production of  $\Delta$ : viz. (1) a boundary layer is formed on the container walls derived in part, from adsorption of ions and excited molecules under the applied fields, (2) photoelectric emission occurs from this boundary layer under external irradiation and (3) these photoelectrons are captured by the excited, neutral molecules to form slow moving negative ions which are responsible for the current decrease  $\Delta$  as a space charge effect.

Now it was pointed out that adsorption of the vapour takes place under electrical discharge and this appears to be a sort of chemisorption since Murty<sup>14</sup> has shown in chlorine that  $\Delta$  under aging progresses according to equation of first order reaction and the boundary layer postulated by Joshi for stage (1) is therefore may well be chemical in nature. That the electrical adsorption is chiefly of a chemical nature and not due to mechanical driving

in of the ions and molecules was shown by the work of Willows<sup>1</sup> and Hill<sup>12</sup>. Further the phenomenon of adsorption of gases on solids is such a general one that it gives rise to characteristic effect in fields where this might not at first sight be expected as for example in the case of photoelectric and thermionic emission. S. T. Oregu<sup>13</sup> states that the work function in photoelectric emission is appreciably decreased if the emitter is adsorbed by foreign substances as for example when the strongly electro-positive metals like sodium potassium etc., are adsorbed by platinum, molybdenum and tungsten. The second assumption of Joshi's theory contemplates such a process followed by the formation of negative ions leading to photo-suppression of discharge current. The production of *Joshi's effect* with but ordinary light in mercury vapour supports the above view since mercury vapour under normal conditions, (i.e. in the homogenous gas phase) is known to emit photo-electrons with only ultra violet light.

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### SUMMARY

The influence of aging at a constant exciting potential was investigated in mercury vapour employing a non-stop electrical discharge for about 440 hours. The time variation of  $i_{\text{sat}}$  and  $\% \Delta$  were studied wherein a discontinuous character was revealed which corresponded to the periodic phenomena observed in an ozonizer discharge in systems like  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{I}_2$  and  $\text{Cl}_2$  by many investigators working in these Laboratories. The extent of discontinuities or fluctuations in  $\% \Delta / i_{\text{sat}}$ —time curves was five to ten times greater than a possible experimental error in the constancy of the exciting potential and therefore, they were taken to represent the methodic behaviour of the system. These results are discussed in the light of Joshi's theory for the mechanism of the *Joshi's effect*  $\Delta i$  and also of the periodic phenomena observed in systems mentioned above.

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Studies on the composition of Ferrous Arsenate and  
 Ferric Arsenite Part V Conductometric investi-  
 gations on the composition of the so-called  
 Ferric Arsenite (product of mixing  
 $\text{FeCl}_3$  and  $\text{NaAsO}_2$ )

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In the previous parts of this series (part I and II, J. I. O. S., 1948 25 447 1949 26 92-102) qualitative and quantitative analysis of the ferric arsenite compounds (obtained by mixing  $\text{FeCl}_3$  and  $\text{NaAsO}_2$ ) were carried out elaborately to determine the composition of ferric arsenite. In this paper its composition has been investigated by conductometric titrations between the reactants at different dilutions. The titration curves yield two equivalence points suggesting the formation of two compounds of ferric arsenite on having the ratio of Fe As as 1 : 1 : 1 : 1 : 2 and the other in which the ratio of Fe As is nearly 1 : 2. The formation of both such compounds has been supported by the analytical results of the ferric arsenite precipitates (J. I. O. S. 1949 26, 99)

The composition of ferric arsenite according to the chemical equation should correspond to the formula  $\text{Fe}(\text{AsO}_2)_3$  when ferric chloride is added sodium arsenite. But in literature more complex and variable formulae have been given e. g.,  $6\text{K}_2\text{O} \cdot 5\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 9\text{As}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 24\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Dobbin Pharm. J. 1904, 4, 81 588)  $\text{XF}(\text{OH})_3 \cdot \text{YAs}_2\text{O}_3$  (Oryng, Kolloid, Z. 1918 22, 149) and  $\text{F}_2\text{As}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $3\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot \text{Fe}_2(\text{AsO}_2)_3 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (Bunsen and Berthold. Manual "Treatise on Inorganic Chemistry" 1929 Vol. IX p 133)

The possibility of mutual oxidation and reduction, was, however suggested by Jellinek and Wluogradoff, (Z. Electrochem 1934 30 477) according to the following equation,



In view of the variations in the analytical results obtained by previous workers it was considered worthwhile to apply physico-chemical methods to throw further light on the composition of this complex compound. The results of only conductometric investigations have been incorporated and discussed in this paper.

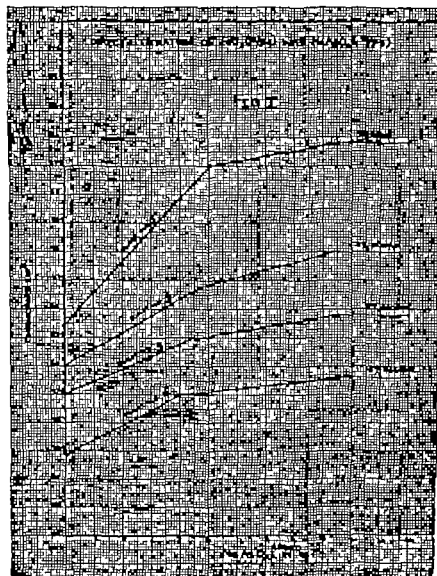
## EXPERIMENTAL

A. R. (B D H) reagents were used. Standard sodium arsenite solution was prepared and estimated as described (Vogel 'Quantitative Analysis' part III 104). Ferric chloride was estimated against dichromate using diphenyl amine as an indicator and also by Titanous chloride (Vogel 'Quantitative Analysis' part III p 80). The conductivities were measured and corrected for the dilution effect as described in the previous publications (*loc cit*). Using different concentrations of the two salts in solution titrations were followed by the direct and the reverse methods (i.e. when  $\text{NaAsO}_2$  soln. from the burette was added to 10 c.c. of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  soln. taken in the titration cell and vice-versa). The titrations were also performed in the presence of alcohol 2%, 5% and 10% by vol. The corrected conductances were then plotted against the vol. of the titrant and the equivalence points were determined by the points of intersection of the straight portions of the curves. As all curves were similar only two figures have been given.

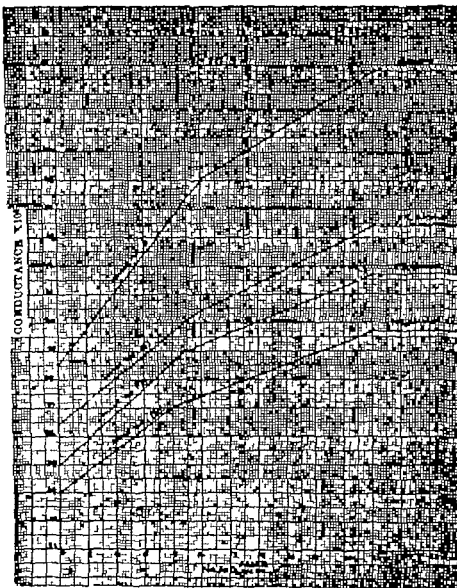
It was observed that when aqueous solns. of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  were mixed with neutralised  $\text{NaAsO}_2$  soln. no precipitate of ferric arsenite was obtained. But when different amounts of M 5 sod. acetate was added to the mixture of the reactants, precipitation occurred with different colours and composition. It was found that a thick precipitate of reddish yellow colour was formed when the PH value of  $\text{FeCl}_3$  soln. is 3.63 and sodium arsenite is neutral (PH 6.95). Hence in each titration equivalent vol. of (say 10 c.c. of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COONa}$  for 10 c.c. of the soln. in the cell) sodium acetate was added in each titration. The ferric arsenite formed is easily soluble in acetic acid and dil.  $\text{NaOH}$  soln. which shows that its formation depends upon  $\text{H}^+$ -concentration of the reactants.

Precipitation of ferric arsenite is almost instantaneous when  $\text{NaAsO}_2$  is added to  $\text{FeCl}_3$  soln. at suitable pH (3.63) but in the reverse process i.e. when  $\text{FeCl}_3$  is added to  $\text{NaAsO}_2$ , the precipitate does not readily come out on mixing the reactants. After some

time the mixture becomes colloidal and turbid the particles then gradually agglomerate and settle down. It can be reasonably concluded that ferric arsenite adsorbs an enormous quantity of  $AsO_3$ , which peptizes the precipitate as was also observed by Ben







(Jour. Phys. Chem. 1927 31 419). The reverse conductometric titrations therefore gave widely different results having very little constancy. The results of direct titrations only have been incorporated.

Having determined the titre values of sod arsenite required for a given vol of  $\text{FeCl}_2$  in aqueous and also in alcoholic soln and on comparing them with the theoretical values calculated from the strengths of the solutions, conclusions regarding the composition of ferric arsenite formed under experimental conditions could be drawn. The influence of adsorption has been revealed from the difference of titre values in purely aqueous and aqueous alcoholic medium. A summary of observations has been given in the following tables :—

Composition of Ferric Arsenite by Conductometry  
Table I

Conc. of reactants		Aqueous solution F A	2% alcoholic solution F As	5% alcoholic solution F A	15% alcoholic solution F As
$\text{FeCl}_2$	N $\text{AsO}_2$				
M/4.7	M/4.9	1.197 1.96	1.1985 1.98	1.1.05 1.10	1.2.15 1.11
M/9.4	M/9.8	1.1.83 1.96	1.1.86 1.98	1.1.92 1.10	1.2.05 1.11
M/14.1	M/14.7	1.2.0 1.96	1.2.1 1.98	1.2.22 1.10	1.2.32 1.11
M/18.8	M/19.6	1.2.15 1.96	1.2.3 1.96	1.1.4 1.10	1.2.6 1.11
M/9.4	M/4.8	1.2.0 1.10	1.2.1 1.11	1.2.2 1.105	1.2.32 1.12

Composition of Ferric Arsenite by Inorganic analysis  
( J I C. S., 1949 26 29 )

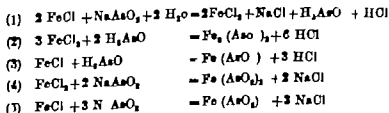
Table II

Conc. of reactants		FORMULA ( Empirical )	F A
$\text{FeCl}_2$	N $\text{AsO}_2$		
M/13	M/12.4 (aq solns.)	$\text{Fe}^{+1.25} \text{Fe}^{+1} (\text{AsO}_2)_{1.25} (\text{AsO})$	1.18
M/25	M/25 (aq solns.)	$\text{Fe}^{+1.25} \text{Fe}^{+1} (\text{AsO}_2)_{1.25}$	1.13
M/50	M/50 (aq solns.)	$\text{Fe}^{+1.25} \text{Fe}^{+1} (\text{AsO}_2)_{1.25}$	1.12
M/13.4q	M/1.3 (neutralised)	$\text{Fe}^{+1.25} \text{Fe}^{+1} (\text{AsO}_2) (\text{AsO})$	1.2.1
M/5	M/5 (neutralised)	$\text{Fe}^{+1.25} \text{Fe}^{+1} (\text{AsO}_2)_{1.25} (\text{AsO})$	1.18
M/5 (Aged sample)	M/5 (neutralised)	$\text{Fe}^{+1.25} \text{Fe}^{+1} (\text{AsO}_2)_{1.25} (\text{AsO}_2)$	1.1.93

## DISCUSSION

The analytical results ( vide table II ) show a wide variation of the ratio of total iron and arsenic in the ferric arsenite compounds formed by mixing different concentrations of ferric chloride and sodium arsenite but on close scrutiny the ferric arsenite compounds can be divided into two classes, one having the ratio of Fe As as 1 (1.2 to 1.3) and the other in which the ratio of Fe As varies from 1.8 to 1.2.1 The results of conductometry ( vide table I ) confirm the formation of such compounds in which the ratio of Fe As is as 1:1 and 1:2 approximately

The variations in the composition of ferric arsenite compounds by analytical methods can be ascribed to many factors (a) adsorptive and hydrolytic character of the precipitated compound (b) H ion concentration of the reacting solutions (c) mutual oxidation and reduction between the reactants In view of the above the following mechanism can be suggested for the reaction between FeCl and NaAsO<sub>2</sub>



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# COMPOSITION OF TURNBULL'S BLUE ( FERROUS FERRICYANIDE ) BY CONDUCTOMETRIC METHOD PART II

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In continuation of my previous publications on the composition of Prussian Blue (J.L.O.S. 1951 vol. 28 141-149 231-234, 703-709) this paper contains my observations on the composition of Turnbull's Blue (Ferrous ferri cyanide) by conductometric method. The results of titrations support the formation of two compounds  $KFeFe(ON)$  and  $Fe_2[Fe(ON)_4]_2$  in aqueous and alcoholic solutions.

The composition of Turnbull's blue has been investigated by various authors mostly by analytical methods and much light has been thrown on the intricacies of the reaction between ferrous sulphate and potassium ferriocyanide. This reaction has been observed to suffer the effects of mutual oxidation and reduction in acid medium and also the effect of adsorption and hydrolysis in excess of one or the other of the reactants. Hofmann, Heine and Hochtlen (Annalen 1904 1-36) Muller and Stanish (Jour. Prakt. Chem. 1909 (2) 79-81). No elaborate physical method has been pursued systematically to elucidate the composition of such ferro-ferricyanogen complexes. In this paper I have adopted conductometric method to throw further light on the composition of Ferrous ferriocyanide (Turnbull's blue).

## EXPERIMENTAL

Pure ferrous sulphate crystals were prepared by recrystallising from alcohol and dissolved in presence of dil.  $H_2SO_4$ . Standard solutions of  $FeSO_4$  were prepared of several concentrations M/2, M/4, M/8

**KMnO** Well picked crystals (red) of  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  were taken and weighed to make standard solutions of strengths M/2, M/4, M/10 M/20 This was further checked by iodometric titrations in presence of  $ZnSO$

The conductivities were measured by Kohlrausch Universal Bridge in the usual manner The titration cell was immersed in a thermostat to control the temp within  $\pm 1^\circ C$  Direct titrations were carried out by adding  $FeSO$  to  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  in the titration cell and rev rae titrations were performed by adding  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  to  $FeSO$  The observed conductance after each addition was corrected for the dilution effect by multiplying it by the factor  $V/10$  where  $V$  c c is the total volume of the solution in the titration cell and 10 c. c refers to the volume originally taken. (Davis "The conductivity of solutions" p 238) Curves were plotted between the corrected conductance against the vol of the titrant. The equivalence point was obtained as a point of intersection of the two portions of the curves Titrations were also done in the presence of alcohol upto total concentration of 20% by volume

The experimental observations of conductometric titrations have been given in the following tables and the curves were plotted for determining the points of equivalence to ascertain the composition of Ferrous ferri cyanide

### DIRECT TITRATIONS

*When  $FeSO$  solution from the burette is added to  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  solution in the titration cell.*

Table I

Vol. of M/20  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 10 c. c Alcohol = nil (Fig. 1 curve 1)

M/4 $FeSO$ added	Total Vol.	Corr Cond'y (mh)	M/4 $FeSO$ added	Total V l.	Corr Cond'y (mh)
0.0 c. c.	10 c. c.	$58.8 \times 10^{-3}$	2.4 c. c.	12.4 c. c.	$55.0 \times 10^{-3}$
1.0	11.0	57.2	2.8	12.8	58.0
1.4	11.4	55.75	3.0	13.0	59.8
1.8	11.8	54.0	3.4	13.4	64.2
2.0	12.0	53.1	4.0	14.0	73.2

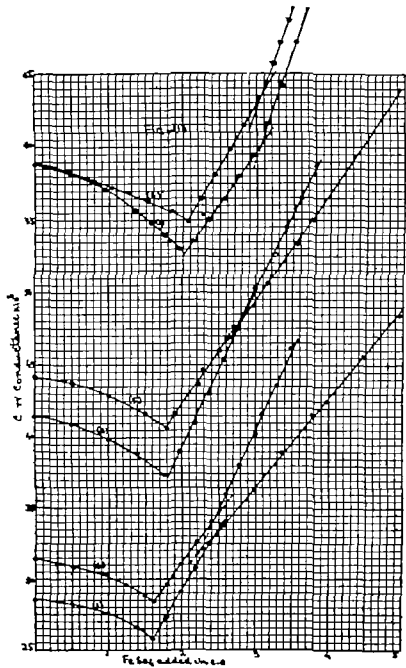


Table II

Vol. of M/20  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 90. c, Alcohol = 10 c (Fig 1 Curve 2)

M/4 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)	M/4 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)
0.0 c. c.	10 c. c.	$41.5 \times 10^{-3}$	2.6 c. c.	12.6 c. c.	$45.2 \times 10^{-3}$
1.0	11.0	40.0	3.0	13.0	49.0
1.4	11.4	39.0	3.4	13.4	50.0
1.8	11.8	37.5	3.6	13.6	53.2
2.2	12.2	41.0	4.6	14.6	60.5

Table III

Vol. of M/20  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 80 c Alcohol = 20 c (Fig 1 Curve 3)

M/4 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)	M/4 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)
0.0 c. c.	10.0 c. c.	$23.6 \times 10^{-3}$	* 0 c. c.	12.0 c. c.	$30.8 \times 10^{-3}$
1.0	11.0	27.7	2.4	12.4	32.5
1.4	11.4	28.3	2.8	12.8	33.0
1.6	11.6	28.0	3.4	13.4	39.0
1.8	11.8	26.5	4.0	14.0	44.5

Table IV

Titration between M/8  $FeSO_4$  soln. and M/10  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  solVol. of M/20  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 10 c c Alcohol = Nil (Fig. 1 Curve 4)

M/8 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mho)	M/8 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)
0.0 c. c.	10 c. c.	$53.3 \times 10^{-3}$	4.4 c. c.	14.4 c. c.	$56.5 \times 10^{-3}$
1.0	11.0	58.0	5.0	15.0	58.8
2.0	12.0	57.1	5.6	15.6	61.4
3.0	13.0	56.2	6.0	16.0	63.0
4.0	14.0	54.9	7.0	17.0	60.5

Table V

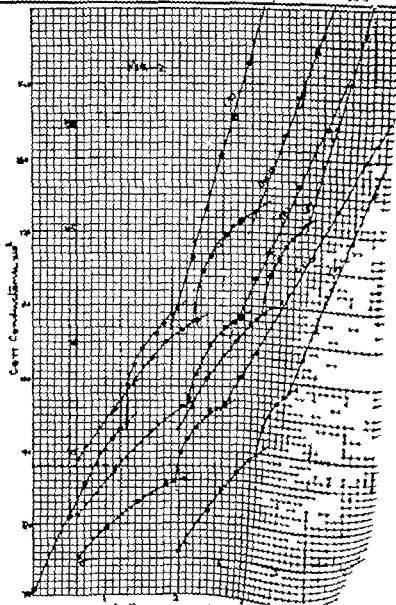
Vol. of M/20  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 9 c. c Alcohol = 1 c. c. (Fig. 1 Curve 3)

M/8 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)	M/8 $FeSO_4$ added	Total Vol	Corr Condy (mho)
0.0 c. c.	10 c. c.	$44.0 \times 10^{-3}$	4.0 c. c.	14.0	$46.6 \times 10^{-3}$
2.0	12.0	42.5	4.4	14.4	43.5
3.0	13.0	41.5	5.4	15.4	44.5
3.4	13.4	40.8	6.0	16.0	50.1

Table VI

Vol. of M/20  $K_2Fe(OH)_3$  soln. = 8 c.c. Alcohol = 20 c. (Fig. 1 Curve 5)

M/20 $K_2Fe(OH)_3$ added	Total Vol.	Corr Conductivity (mb)	M/20 $K_2Fe(OH)_3$ added	Total Vol.	Corr Conductivity (mb)
0.0 c.c.	10.0 c.c.	$31.8 \times 10^{-4}$	4.0 c.c.	14.0	$31.0 \times 10^{-4}$
1.5	11.5	30.4	4.8	14.8	33.0
2.5	12.5	29.6	5.0	15.0	30.0
3.4	13.4	28.7	6.0	16.0	40.0





## REVERSE TITRATIONS

When  $K Fe(CN)$  soln. from the burette is added to  $FeSO$  soln  
in the titration cell

Table VII

Vol of  $M/20 FeSO$  soln = 10 c. c. Alcohol = nil (Fig. 2 Curve 7)

$M/4 K F$ (ON) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)	$M/4 K F$ (ON) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)
0.0 c. c.	10.0	$71.1 \times 10^{-3}$	1.6 c. c.	11.6 c. c.	$105.0 \times 10^{-3}$
0.5	10.5	81.0	2.0	12.0	109.1
1.0	11.0	90.0	2.4	12.4	123.0
1.3	11.3	99.1	3.0	13.0	137.0

Table VIII

Vol. of  $M/20 FeSO$  soln = 9 c. c. Alcohol = 1 c. c. (Fig. 2 Curve 8)

$M/4 K F$ (ON) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)	$M/4 K F$ (ON) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)
0.0 c. c.	10 c. c.	$48.0 \times 10^{-3}$	1.2 c. c.	11.2 c. c.	$63.9 \times 10^{-3}$
0.4	10.4	54.9	1.6	11.6	74.1
0.8	10.8	60.0	1.8	11.8	76.0
1.0	11.0	62.1	2.6	12.6	101.2

Table IX

Vol of  $M/20 FeSO_4$  soln. = 8 c. c. Alcohol = 2 c. c. (Fig. 2 Curve 9)

$M/4 K F$ (ON) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)	$M/4 K F$ (ON) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)
0.0 c. c.	10.0 c. c.	$31.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1.3 c. c.	11.3 c. c.	$50.0 \times 10^{-3}$
0.4	10.4	36.3	1.6	11.6	53.5
0.8	10.8	42.0	2.0	12.0	62.0
1.1	11.1	44.5	2.8	12.8	80.0

Table X

*Titration between M/8 FeSO<sub>4</sub> soln and M/2 K<sub>2</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub> soln.*

Vol. of M/8 FeSO soln. = 10 c.c. Alcohol = nll. (Fig. 2 Curve 10)

M/8 K <sub>2</sub> F (CN) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mho)	M/2 K <sub>2</sub> F (CN) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mho)
00 c.c.	10 c.c.	$44.3 \times 10^{-3}$	20 c.c.	130	$105.0 \times 10^{-3}$
10	110	70.9	24	134	111.4
14	114	79.0	28	138	133.2
16	116	81.4	34	134	163.2
18	118	99.1	4.0	140	192.2

Table XI

Vol of M/8 FeSO soln = 9 c.c Alcohol = 1 c.c (Fig. 2 Curve 11)

M/8 K <sub>2</sub> F (CN) added	Total V L.	Corr Condy (mh)	M/2 K <sub>2</sub> F (CN) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mho)
00 c.c.	100 c.c.	$27.7 \times 10^{-3}$	2 c.c.	120	$80.0 \times 10^{-3}$
10	110	50.8	22 c.c.	122	83.0
15	115	59.0	26	126	100.8
18	118	75.0	30	130	118.0

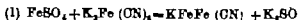
Table XII

Vol of M/8 FeSO soln. = 8 c.c Alcohol = 2 c.c (Fig. 2 Curve 1)

M/8 K <sub>2</sub> F (CN) added	Total Vol.	Corr Condy (mh)	M/2 K <sub>2</sub> F (CN) added	Total V L.	Corr Condy (mh)
00 c.c.	100 c.c.	$16.6 \times 10^{-3}$	18 c.c.	11 c.c.	$57.0 \times 10^{-3}$
08	108	32.2	20	120	58.8
12	112	36.2	24	124	73.0
14	114	45.0	36	136	113.0

## DISCUSSION

Ferrous sulfate and potassium ferriocyanide react in two ways:-



Taking into consideration the strength of solutions of  $\text{FeSO}_4$  (M/5) and  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  (M/20) the calculated titre values for 10 c.c. of  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  for the formation of compounds  $\text{KFeFe}(\text{CN})_6$  and  $\text{Fe}_3[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]_2$  in direct titration should be 7.5 and 5 c.c. respectively. In the reverse titration the theoretical values can be calculated accordingly.

In the direct titration when  $\text{FeSO}_4$  is added from the burette the change in conductivity is due to the formation of one molecule of  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  from one molecule of  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  according to equation 1 and of three molecules of  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  from two molecules of  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  according to equation No. 2 the conductivity of the insoluble complex assumed to be zero.

From the values of known ionic conductivities, it is anticipated that the conductivity should at first decrease as ferrous sulphate is added from the burette into potassium ferriocyanide in the titration cell and then increase after the equivalence point. This has been actually observed (curves 1 to 6).

In the reverse titration the total change in conductivity will be due to the conversion of ferrous sulphate in the cell into the insoluble complex (conductivity assumed to be zero) and to one molecule of  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  according to equation 1 and of three molecules of ferrous sulphate into the insoluble complex and three molecules of  $\text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$  according to equation 2. Calculated from the ionic conductivities, there should be a fall in conductivity also but our actual observations from curve 7-12 are that there is a gradual rise in conductivity throughout the titration, although the breaks do appear at the significant points. This continuous increase can be explained as being due to the presence of dil. sulphuric acid which had been added to ferrous sulphate for making the standard solution.

With a view to study the discrepancy between the theoretical and observed titre values a summary of observations in aqueous and alcoholic solutions is given below for ready reference:-

## DIRECT TITRATION

*FeSO soln. from the burette is added to  $K_3Fe(CN)_6$  in the cell.*

## POINTS OF EQUIVALENCE

$K_3Fe(CN)_6$	$FeSO$	Aqueous solns.		Alcoholic solns.		Formula supported
		Calculated	Observed	Calculated	Observed	
M/20	M/4	2 c. c.	2.1	1.8	1.85 in 10% alcohol	$KFeFe(CN)_6$
				1.6	1.60 in 20% alcohol	
		3 c. c.	3.15	2.7	2.8 in 10% alcohol	$Fe_2[Fe(CN)_6]_2$
				2.4	2.4 in 20% alcohol	
M/20	M/8	4 c. c.	4.1	3.6	3.65 in 10% alcohol	$KFeFe(CN)_6$
				3.2	3.20 in 20% alcohol	
		6 c. c.	6.15	5.4	5.5 in 10% alcohol	$Fe_2[Fe(CN)_6]_2$
				4.8	4.85 in 20% alcohol	

## REVERSE TITRATION

*$K_3Fe(CN)_6$  was added from the burette to  $FeSO_4$  in the titration cell*

## POINTS OF EQUIVALENCE

$K_3Fe(CN)_6$	$FeSO$	Aqueous solns.		Alcoholic solns.		Formula supported
		Calculated	Observed	Calculated	Observed	
M/4	M/20	2 c. c.	1.90	1.8	1.75 in 10% alcohol	$KFeFe(CN)_6$
				1.6	1.6 in 20% alcohol	
		1.33	1.25	1.2	1.15 in 10% alcohol	$Fe_2[Fe(CN)_6]_2$
				1.1	1.1 in 20% alcohol	
M/2	M/8	2.5 c. c.	2.4	2.25	2.20 in 10% alcohol	$KFeFe(CN)_6$
				2.0	2.0 in 20% alcohol	
		1.66 c. c.	1.53	1.50	1.45 in 10% alcohol	$Fe_2[Fe(CN)_6]_2$
				1.33	1.30 in 20% alcohol	

It will be clear from the above table that in direct titration in aqueous medium the points of equivalence as observed from the curves are a bit higher than the theoretical values whereas in the reverse titrations they are slightly lower than the calculated ones. By the addition of alcohol in increasing proportion, the observed values tend to approach the calculated ones. These results indicate the phenomenon of hydrolysis that seems to play a part in the case of Turnbull's blue. The addition of alcohol suppresses the hydrolysis with the result that the observed values tend to have a closer approach to the theoretical ones.

Phenomenon of adsorption also seems to play its role and the discrepancies may also arise on account of this. If the adsorption of ferrous ions by Turnbull's blue is greater than that of ferricyanogen ions similar results may follow. Experimental work on hydrolysis and adsorption by Turnbull's blue is already in progress with a view to throw further light on its composition.

The conductivity curves in the case of direct and reverse titrations suggest the possibility of two compounds  $KFeFe(CN)_6$  and  $Fe_2[Fe(CN)_6]_2$ . The curvature of the curve in the vicinity of the points of intersection can be explained on the basis of adsorption of the ion by the precipitated complex as a result of which the total conductivity will slightly decrease as the quantity of the precipitated complex increases. Since the reaction indicated by the first portion of the curve differs from the second one the shape of the middle portion of the curve will slightly vary from the former because the ionisation, adsorption and hydrolytic behaviour of the compound formed at the well marked stages will be different from each other.

The concentration of the reactants does not appreciably change the nature of observations. The addition of alcohol contributes to control hydrolysis and also adsorptive properties.

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# POTENTIOMETRIC STUDIES ON THE COMPOSITION OF TURNBULL'S BLUE ( FERROUS FERRICYANIDE )

## PART III

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The composition of Turnbull's blue has been investigated by the method of potentiometrical titration between ferrous sulfate and potassium ferricyanide at several dilutions of these reactants. By direct titrations the composition of ferrous ferricyanide corresponds to  $KFe[F(CN)_6]$  allowing for adsorption and hydrolysis whereas by the reverse titrations the formula of the compound comes out more correctly as  $KFe[Fe(CN)_6]$ .

In continuation of my previous publication on the composition of Turnbull's blue by thermometric method (Jour Indian Chem. Soc., 1952 Vol 29 529) attempts have been made to substantiate these observations by potentiometrical method and the results have been incorporated and discussed in this paper.

## EXPERIMENTAL

The reagents used were of Anala R (B D H.) quality. Standard solutions of potassium ferricyanide and ferrous sulfate were prepared (1 cc etc). Electrode used was of platinised platinum (Muller Z physical Chem 1914, 88 44) and it was used in conjunction with a saturated calomel electrode. Using the different concentrations of the two salts in solutions, the titrations were followed by the direct and the reverse methods i.e. when ferrous sulfate solution was added from the burette to potassium ferricyanide solution in the electrode vessel and vice versa.

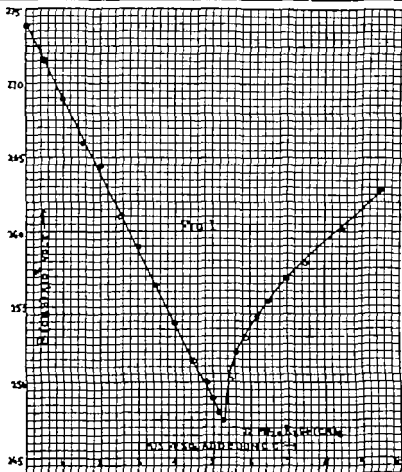
The experimental observations of the potentiometric titrations have been given in the following tables and the curves have been plotted to determine the points of equivalence and to ascertain the composition of ferrous ferricyanide.

# DIRECT POTENTIOMETRIC TITRATIONS OF $\text{FeSO}$ and $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$

When  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  soln is taken in the electrode vessel, and  $\text{FeSO}_4$  soln. is added from the burette.

Table I  
Vol. of M/20  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  solution = 20 c.c. (Curve 1)

M/5 $\text{FeSO}_4$ added	E (obs)	M/5 $\text{FeSO}_4$ added	E (obs)	M/5 $\text{FeSO}_4$ added	E (obs)
0.0 c.c.	0.2745 volt	4.0 c.c.	0.2340 volt	5.8 c.c.	0.2525 volt
0.5	0.2715	4.5	0.2315	6.0	0.2535
1.0	0.2691	4.8	0.2300	6.2	0.2545
1.5	0.2660	5.0	0.2490	6.5	0.2555
2.0	0.2645	5.1	0.2485	7.0	0.2570
2.5	0.2610	5.2	0.2480	7.5	0.2580
3.0	0.2590	5.3	0.2475	8.5	0.2605
3.5	0.2565	5.5	0.2505	9.5	0.2650



**Table II**  
Vol. of  $M/10K_2Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 10 c.c (Curve 2)

$M/10K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	$E$ (obs)	$M/10K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	$E$ (obs)	$M/100c.c$ added	$E$ (obs)
0.0 c.c.	0.2885 volt	6.5 c.c.	0.2630 volt	10.9 c.c.	0.2535 volt
1.0	0.2845	7.0	0.2615	11.0	0.2540
2.0	0.2800	7.5	0.2500	11.5	0.2555
2.5	0.2780	8.0	0.2580	12.0	0.2565
3.0	0.2760	8.5	0.2565	12.5	0.2575
3.5	0.2740	9.0	0.2550	13.0	0.2580
4.0	0.2720	9.5	0.2530	13.5	0.2585
5.0	0.2680	10.0	0.2515	14.0	0.2590
5.5	0.2665	10.2	0.2510	15.0	0.2600
6.0	0.2645	10.4	0.2512	16.0	0.2605
		10.6	0.2525	17.0	0.2615

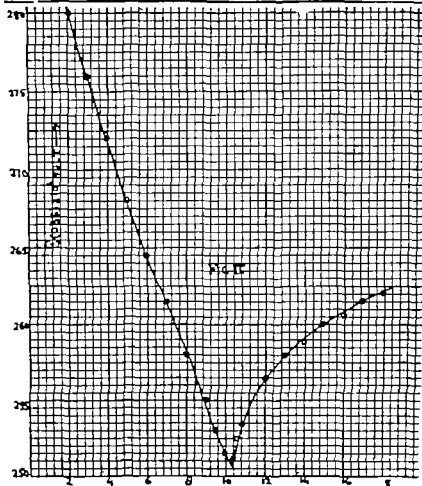




Table III

Vol. of M/20  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  soln. = 20 c.c. (Curve 3)

M/10 $FeSO_4$ added	E (obs)	M/10 $FeSO_4$ added	E (ba)	M/10 $FeSO_4$ added	E (obs)
0.0 c.c.	0.2735 volt	10.0 c.c.	0.2455 volt	13.5 c.c.	0.2535 volt
1.0	0.2710	10.2	0.2445	14.0	0.2540
2.0	0.2680	10.4	0.2440	14.5	0.2546
3.0	0.2650	10.6	0.2442	15.0	0.2552
4.0	0.2620	10.8	0.2455	15.5	0.2552
5.0	0.2595	11.0	0.2470	16.0	0.2560
6.0	0.2560	11.5	0.2495	17.0	0.2570
7.0	0.2535	12.0	0.2510	18.0	0.2576
8.0	0.2505	12.5	0.2520	19.0	0.2585
9.0	0.2485	13.0	0.2530	20.0	0.2595
9.5	0.2470				

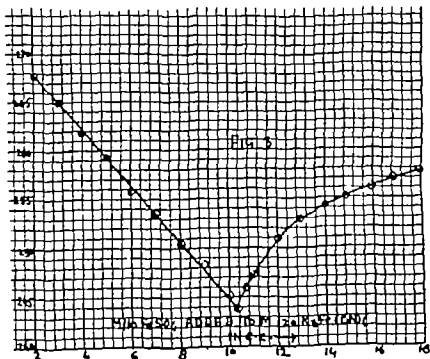
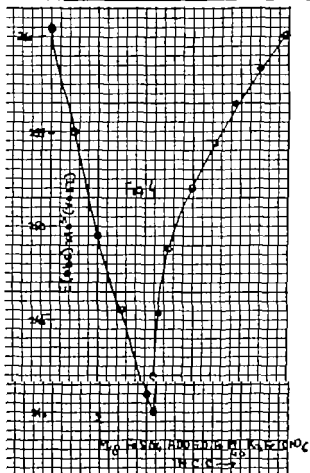


Table IV  
Vol. of M/40 K. Fe (ON) soln = 20 c. c. (Curve 4)

M/8 FeSO added	E (obs)	M/8 FeSO added	E (obs)	M/8 FeSO added	E (obs)
0.0 c.c.	0.2605 volt	3.8 c.c.	0.2418	6.6 c.c.	0.2538 volt
1.0	0.2550	4.0	0.2410	7.0	0.2545
1.5	0.2520	4.2	0.2400	7.5	0.2555
2.0	0.2495	4.4	0.2420	8.0	0.2565
2.5	0.2475	4.6	0.2455	9.0	0.2585
3.0	0.2455	5.0	0.2488	10.0	0.2600
3.2	0.2444	5.5	0.2505	11.0	0.2615
3.4	0.2435	6.0	0.2522	12.0	0.2630
3.6	0.2428	6.2	0.2528		
		6.4	0.2534		



## REVERSE POTENTIOMETRIC TITRATIONS

When  $\text{FeSO}$  soln. is taken in the electrode vessel and  $\text{K}_2\text{Fe}(\text{ON})$  soln. is added from the burette.

Table V

Vol of  $\text{M}/20 \text{ FeSO}_4$  soln. = 20 c.c (Curve 5)

$\text{M}/20 \text{ K}_2\text{Fe}(\text{ON})$ added	$E$ (obs)	$\text{M}/20 \text{ K}_2\text{Fe}(\text{ON})$ added	$E$ (ba)	$\text{M}/20 \text{ K}_2\text{Fe}(\text{ON})$ added	$E$ (ba)
0.0 c.c.	0.3200 volt	2.8 c.c.	0.2945 volt	4.8 c.c.	0.2905 volt
0.0	0.3100	3.0	0.2935	5.0	0.2980
1.5	0.3045	3.2	0.2926	5.5	0.2935
2.0	0.3005	3.4	0.2922	6.0	0.2995
2.2	0.2985	3.6	0.2920	6.5	0.3030
2.4	0.2970	4.0	0.2917	7.0	0.3047
2.6	0.2957	4.5	0.2910	8.0	0.3115
				9.0	0.3180

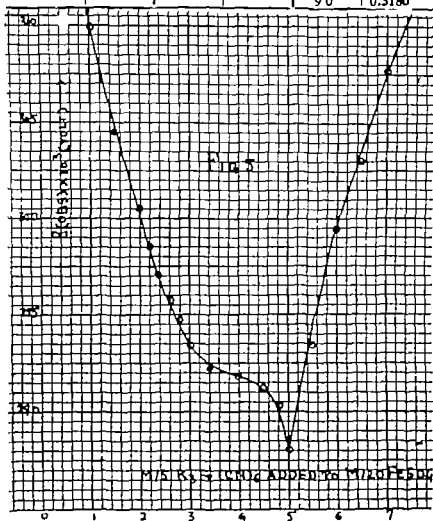


Table VI  
Vol. of M/20 FeSO soln = 10 c.c. (Carr 6)

M/10 K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> (ON) added	M (obsd)	M/10 K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> (ON) added	M (cal)	M/10 K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> (ON) added	E obs
0.0 c.c.	0.2825 volt	6.6 c.c.	0.2570	10.2 c.c.	0.2467
0.1 0	0.2730	7.0	0.2570	10.6	0.2467
2.0	0.2695	7.5	0.2560	11.0	0.2450
3.0	0.2655	8.0	0.2523	11.5	0.2455
4.0	0.2632	8.5	0.2495	12.0	0.2435
5.0	0.2605	9.0	0.2455	12.5	0.2495
5.5	0.2590	9.3	0.2435	13.5	0.2575
5.8	0.2580	9.5	0.2425	15.0	0.2545
6.0	0.2570	9.7	0.2430	16.0	0.2560
6.3	0.2570	10.0	0.2432		

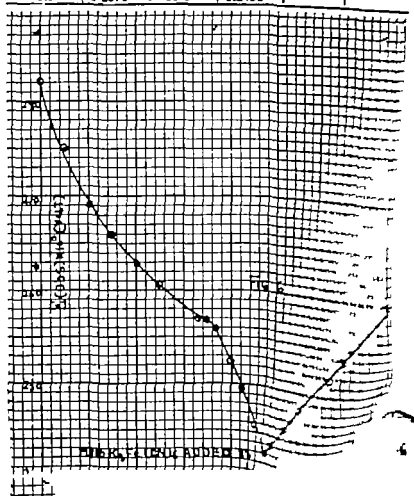


Table VII  
Vol. of M/10 FeSO soln. = 20 c.c (Curve 7)

M/5 K F (CN) added	E (obs)	M/5 K F (CN) added	E (obs)	M/5 K F (CN) added	E (obs)
0.0 c.c.	0.3230 volt	6.2 c.c.	0.3025 volt	10 c.c.	0.2990 volt
1.0	0.3180	6.4	0.3020	10.5	0.3003
2.0	0.3130	6.8	0.3015	11.0	0.3038
3.0	0.3105	7.2	0.3012	11.5	0.3070
4.0	0.3080	7.5	0.3012	12.0	0.3101
5.0	0.3060	8.0	0.3010	13.0	0.3145
5.5	0.3042	9.0	0.3010	14.0	0.3180
6.0	0.3036	9.5	0.3010		

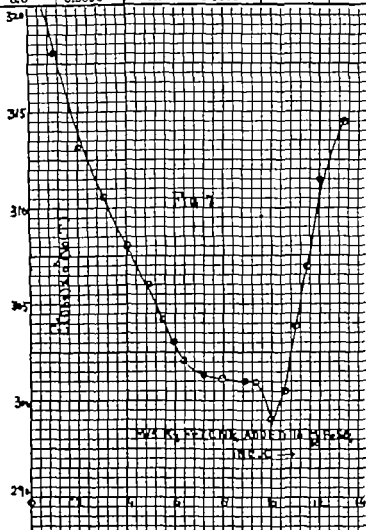
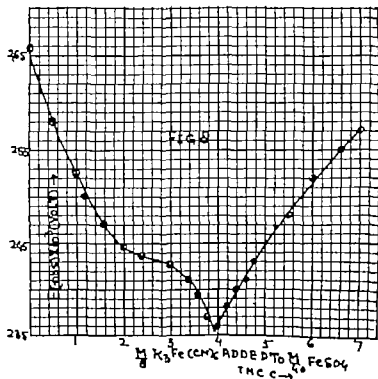


Table VIII

Vol of M/40 FeSO soln. = 20 c. c. (Curve 8)

M/8 K <sub>2</sub> F (OH) <sub>8</sub> added	E (obs)	M/8 K <sub>2</sub> F (OH) <sub>8</sub> added	E (bs)	M/8 K <sub>2</sub> F (OH) <sub>8</sub> added	E (bs)
0.0 c.c.	0.2660 volt	2.6 c.c.	0.2434 volt	4.6 c.c.	0.2410
0.5	0.2580	2.8	0.2431	4.8	0.2430
1.0	0.2525	3.0	0.2428	5.0	0.2450
1.2	0.2500	3.2	0.2420	5.5	0.2480
1.4	0.2490	3.4	0.2410	6.0	0.2520
1.6	0.2470	3.6	0.2393	6.6	0.2550
1.8	0.2460	3.8	0.2370	7.0	0.2570
2.0	0.2445	4.0	0.2360	7.6	0.2600
2.2	0.2440	4.2	0.2380	8.0	0.2615
2.4	0.2435	4.4	0.2400		



**Table IX**  
**RESULTS OF POTENTIOMETRIC TITRATIONS**  
**DIRECT TITRATION**

*When  $\text{FeSO}_4$  is added to  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  in the electrode vessel*

Curves	$\text{FeSO}_4$	$\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$	Titre values for 10 c.c. of the solution		for formation of compounds $\text{Fe}_2(\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6)_3$
			Observed from curves	Calculated $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$	
1	M/5	M/20	5.3 c.c.	5 c.c.	7.5 c.c.
2	M/10	M/10	10.4 c.c.	10 c.c.	15 c.c. for 10 c.c.
3	M/10	M/20	10.4 c.c.	10 c.c.	15 c.c.
4	M/8	M/40	4.3 c.c.	4 c.c.	5 c.c.

**REVERSE TITRATIONS**

*When  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  is added to  $\text{FeSO}_4$  in the electrode vessel*

Curves	$\text{FeSO}_4$	$\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$	Titre values for 10 c.c. of the solution		for formation of compounds $\text{Fe}_2(\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6)_3$
			Observed from curves	Calculated $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$	
5	M/20	M/5	5 c.c.	5 c.c.	3.25 c.c.
6	M/10	M/10	9.8 c.c.	10 c.c.	6.65 c.c. for 10 c.c.
7	M/10	M/5	10.0 c.c.	10 c.c.	6.6 c.c.
8	M/40	M/8	3.90 c.c.	4 c.c.	2.66 c.c.

**DISCUSSION**

The general observation on the equivalence points is that the potentiometric titrations give only one point of equivalence in support of the formation of the compound  $\text{K}_2\text{FeFe}(\text{CN})_6$ , which is formed by mixing the reactants in the ratio 1:1 in gram molecules. In the direct titration (when  $\text{FeSO}_4$  is added to  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ ) the observed value is slightly higher than the theoretical one while in the reverse titration the observed and the calculated values almost exactly coincide.

It may be observed that the nature of the titration curves obtained by the reaction of  $\text{FeSO}_4$  with  $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  is unique. There is no abrupt fall at the point of equivalence as is generally the case in potentiometric titrations. On the other hand at the

point of equivalence the E. M. F. abruptly shoots up giving a clear indication of the point of equivalence. Although it is difficult to venture any satisfactory explanation of this observation, we consider that such behaviour may be possible at the point of equivalence when there are two different reversible oxidation-reduction potentials set up in the course of a particular reaction. Very few reactions of this type have been studied so far by potentiometric titration method and hence there is hardly any reference of this type of curve in the literature.

It is a known fact that when a reducing substance acts on an oxidising agent particularly in presence of an acid and forms some insoluble compound the possibility of mutual oxidation-reduction, however small it may be, cannot be ignored. In the case of formation of Prussian and Turnbull's blue this fact has been referred to by Muller and Stannish (Jour. Prakt. Chem. 1909 (2) 79-81), Hofmann, Hine and Hochstetler (Anal. 1904, 1-33), Bhattacharya and Dhar (Zeit. Anorg. Chem. 1933 213, 40-249).

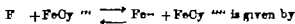
In the light of the above mutual oxidation and reduction oxidation potentials are set up as follows.—



On mixing the reactants, the system combines in itself two oxidation-reduction potentials, one due to the oxidation of ferrous ion and the other due to the reduction of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}$ . The equilibrium potential of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and that of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}/\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$  are the factors to control the change of potential at the point of equivalence.

The drop of potential and its use may be explained as follows:

The red-ox potential of the system



$$E = E_0 - \frac{RT}{nF} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}][\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}][\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}]}$$

$$\text{or } E = E_0 - \frac{RT}{nF} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}^{2+}]}{[\text{Fe}^{3+}]} - \frac{RT}{nF} \log \frac{[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}]}{[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}]}$$

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At the point of equivalence the arbitrary concentration ratios may be supposed to vanish when  $E=E$

Now in the direct titration,  $K_2FeOy_4$  is taken in the Cell and  $FeSO$  is added from the burette. It is, therefore likely that after the equivalence point has been crossed, the system retains only one part of the red-ox potential and can be expressed as

$$E = E_0 + \frac{RT}{nF} \log \frac{[Fe^+]}{[Fe^-]}$$

Hence, when  $Fe$  increases in the system the value of  $E$  goes on rising as is shown by the enclosed curves

In the reverse titration, the system reduces to

$$E = E + \frac{RT}{nF} \log \frac{[FeOy^{+}]}{[FeOy^{++}]}$$

Hence on adding  $FeOy$

ions from the burette after the point of equivalence a similar rise in potential occurs as in the former case

The loops in the reverse titrations seem to be due to the increased effects of adsorption. Experimental work is in progress to determine the exact reasons for the formation of such loops

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# DIAMAGNETISM OF OXALATE ION

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[Abstract: Diamagnetic susceptibility of powder crystals of Oxalic acid dihydrate and some inorganic oxalates have been measured by a modified Guoy method. The results are discussed in relation to resonance bonds in oxalate ions]

## INTRODUCTION

Parallelism between diamagnetism and chemical saturation is a well established fact; hence for molecules with double bonds which show a high degree of unsaturation,  $\chi$  in Pascal's additive law  $\chi_M = -\chi_A \cdot n + \lambda$  where  $\chi_M$  is the gram molecular susceptibility of the molecule  $N$  is the number of atoms in the molecule of susceptibility  $\chi_A$  and  $\lambda$  is the constitutive correction, should be large. This is borne out by experiments. It is found that double bonds in molecules behave like paramagnetic carriers lowering the diamagnetic susceptibility. This behaviour of molecules finds a ready explanation from Van Vleck's theory of polyatomic molecules with zero spin. The gram molecular susceptibility of such molecules is given by (Van Vleck, 1935)

$$\chi_M = -\frac{N\mu_0}{8\pi c} \sum \bar{\gamma} + \frac{1}{2} \sum \frac{m_A(n, n')}{h\gamma(n, n')}$$

Where  $\gamma(n, n')$  = frequency corresponding to  $n, n'$  transition.

$m_A(n, n')$  = non diagonal element of the matrix for the angular momentum of the system

The first term of the expression is the well-known Langevin term. The second term seems to be akin to the constitutive correction factor  $\lambda$  of Pascals Law and is positive like it.

In aliphatic acids such as Formic and Acetic acids, the carboxyl group  $\text{—}\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{C} \quad \text{OH} \end{array}$  which has double bond the value of the constitutive correction factor  $\lambda$  as deduced by Pascal is  $+0.83 \times 10^{-6}$  suggesting that unsaturation arising out of double bonds lowers diamagnetism of molecules having zero spin.

It may be mentioned here that chemical unsaturation will produce differences in the directional magnetic properties of such molecules. Indeed highly anisotropic diamagnetism of single crystal of Oxalic acid dihydrate has been reported by Lonsdale (1939). Hence it would be interesting to study magnetic anisotropy of single Oxalate crystals. The work on single crystals are in progress and it is proposed to report about them in a future communication.

The present communication deals with the measurement of powder values of some Oxalates discussed from the point of influence of double bonds on oxalate ions.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Chemicals used were of Merk's reagent quality recrystallised from aqueous solution at room temperatures.

The modified Gouy method as devised and used by Rose (1934) was adopted for the present measurements. The finely powdered substance was nicely packed in a long pyrex test tube of uniform bore. It was suspended from one arm of a sensitive balance, the lower end of the tube was at the centre of a strong homogeneous magnetic field while the upper part of it was well outside the field. The force acting on the powder column due to the magnetic field was compared with that of Naphthalene powder under identical conditions. A preliminary weighing of the empty test tube in the magnetic field supplied the necessary corrections for the container.

If  $\Delta W$  is the difference of weight of the test tube with powder substance (with the field on and off),  $\Delta W$  be that due

to naphthalene powder and test tube and  $\Delta W$  be that due to test tube alone then

$$\frac{\Delta W - \Delta W}{\Delta W - \Delta W} = \frac{k_2 - k_3}{k_2 - k_3}$$

where  $k_2$  is the volume susceptibility of powder substance

$k_2$  is the volume susceptibility of Naphthalene powder

and  $k_3$  is the volume susceptibility of air

In actual experiment a current of five amperes were passed through the coils of the magnet producing a field of about 10,000 Gauss, pole gap being one and one fourth of an inch. This field produced a force of about 0.6 gm. on naphthalene powder.

### RESULTS

Results of measurements are collected in table II.  $\bar{X}$  represents mean mass susceptibility and  $\bar{X}_M$  represents mean gram molecular susceptibility and are expressed in the usual units of  $10^{-4}$  of a C.G.S.E.M. units.

The following values as recalculated by Myers (1953) from Angus's value using recent data for fundamental constants, were adopted for the evaluation of  $\bar{X}_M$  for the oxalate group in various compounds.  $k_2$  was taken to be  $+0.029 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $k_3$  of naphthalene was taken to be  $0.5318 \times 10^{-4}$  (Krishnan and Banerji 1936).

Table I

ION	$-\bar{X}_M \times 10^{-4}$
Na	3.7
K	12.8
Mg <sup>++</sup>	2.8
Ca <sup>++</sup>	10.2
Str <sup>++</sup>	19.7
Ba <sup>++</sup>	30.9

Table II

Data refers to 30° C.

Serial No.	Substance	$\bar{X}$	$\bar{X}_M$	$\bar{X}_M$ for OxalateGr
1.	Oxalic acid dihydrate CooH CooH + 2 H <sub>2</sub> O	4666	58. 8	27 0
2.	Ammonium Oxalate CooNH CooNH <sub>4</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O	4163	79 2	39 6
3	Sodium Oxalate CooNa CooNa	2933	41. 6	37.20
4.	Potassium Oxalate CooK CooK + H <sub>2</sub> O	5576	76 60	38 0
5	Magnesium Oxalate (Coo) <sub>2</sub> Mg. + 2H <sub>2</sub> O	4554	67 6	38 8
6	Zinc Oxalate (Coo) <sub>2</sub> Zn. + 2H <sub>2</sub> O	4097	77 60	38 2
7	Calcium Oxalate (Coo) <sub>2</sub> Ca	3460	44. 2	34. 1
8.	Strontium Oxalate (Coo) <sub>2</sub> Sr + H <sub>2</sub> O	3490	67 6	33 9
9	Barium Oxalate (Coo) <sub>2</sub> Ba	---	64. 9	34. 0

## DISCUSSION

Oxalic acid dihydrate ( $C_2H_2O_4 \cdot 2H_2O$ ) crystals have been studied by X-ray methods by Zachariasen (1934) and in greater details by Robertson and Woodward (1936). They find that the molecule  $C_2H_2O_4$  is perfectly plane having the following interatomic distances as shown in the figure 1

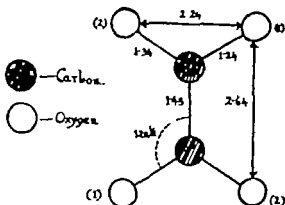


Fig - 1

It is of interest to note that both the oxygens attached to the Carbon atom are not precisely the same. The difference in the interatomic distances of 1.34 Å and 1.24 Å is too small to distinguish between a C=O bond or a C-OH bond. It may be said that there is a partial resonance between the two bindings. Measurements of heats of formation in Carboxylic acids do indicate the existence of such resonance energy of about 25K Cal per molecule.

The very small C-C distance (1.43 Å) as compared with 1.5 Å for single bond distance makes it clear that this C-C link is not a true single bond but must possess some amount of double bond character. These two resonance effects will lower the diamagnetism of oxalate ion in oxalic acid dihydrate.

The value of  $\chi_M$  for oxalic acid dihydrate found by us compares favourably with that obtained by Lonadale (1933) for single crystals. After making corrections for the two molecules of water and hydrogen atom  $\chi_M$  for the oxalate as given in table 2 is  $-27 \times 10^{-4}$  as against  $-3 \times 10^{-4}$  from Lonadale value. If

in oxalate ion in oxalic acid dihydrate the above mentioned resonance effects were absent then  $\bar{\chi}_M$  for such oxalate ion should be  $-38 \times 10^{-6}$  as for  $C=C$  is  $-5.7 \times 10^{-6}$  and for two  $O=C$  is  $-2 \times 2.75 \times 10^{-6}$

This is exactly the case with Oxalate ion in Ammonium Oxalate monohydrate. X-ray studies by Hendricks and Jeffersons (1936) reveal that Oxalate molecule in Ammonium Oxalate monohydrate has definitely different from than that of oxalic acid dihydrate. The  $C-O$  distance is large and is  $1.58\text{\AA}$  as compared to  $1.43\text{\AA}$  for Oxalic acid dihydrate. This indicates the absence of  $C=C$  double bond again the  $CO$  groups are also not coplanar but inclined to one another at an angle of  $28^\circ$  degrees. Thus in Ammonium Oxalate no resonance is present. As a result its  $\bar{\chi}_M$  should be near about the value  $-38 \times 10^{-6}$ . On referring to table 2 we find its value is  $-39 \times 10^{-6}$  agreeing well with the value deduced by us for no resonance.

On referring to table 2 we find the structure of the oxalate ion in Na, K, Mg, and Zn Oxalates should be like that of oxalate ion in Ammonium Oxalate as their  $\bar{\chi}_M$  is centre round  $-37 \times 10^{-6}$  the value without the above two resonance effects. But in other oxalates namely Ca, Sr and Ba oxalates the structure of the oxalate ion may be presumed to be like that of oxalic acid without  $C=C$  double bond so that  $\lambda$  in this case is  $+5.4$  bringing down the value to  $-32 \times 10^{-6}$ . Hence the  $CO$  groups of oxalate ion in these salts will be Coplanar.

Maleic acid ( $H_2C=CH_2O_2$ ) is also an open chain acid and has double bond like Oxalic acid ( $H_2C_2O_4$ ) hence it would be interesting to compare their diamagnetism. Gray and Birse (1914) give  $\bar{\chi}_M$  for maleic acid as  $-49.5 \times 10^{-6}$ . Eliminating the contribution of two hydrogens and two carbons (which brings it to oxalic acid)  $\bar{\chi}_M$  comes out to be  $-32 \times 10^{-6}$  which is also the value for oxalic acid obtained by us.

It is seen that for oxalic acid the second term of Van Vleck's expression, (equation 1) which may be identified with  $\lambda$  has got a value comparable to the first term. Now this second term depends on the mean effective absorption frequency. Thus a change of temperature effecting the refractive index or the substance should change the mean absorption frequency bringing

in a consequential change of diamagnetism of oxalic acid. This is not usually observed in diamagnetic substance. Probably  $\chi$  in those substances is very small and hence the second term of Van Vleck's expression is ineffective. Hence a study of the temperature variation of oxalic acid dihydrate may bring to light certain interesting points.

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Studies on the composition of Ferrous Arsenate and  
 Ferric Arsenite. Part IV Conductometric  
 investigations on the composition  
 of the so called Ferrous Arsenate  
 (product of mixing  $\text{FeSO}_4$   
 and  $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$ )

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The composition of the so called Ferrous Arsenate has been studied by the method of conductometric titrations between ferrous ammonium sulphate and disodium arsenate in aqueous and alcoholic medium. The direct titration curves suggest that the composition of ferrous arsenate nearly corresponds to the normal compound  $\text{Fe}_2(\text{AsO})$  in which the ratio of Fe As is 1 : 66. In the reverse case (when ferrous amm. sulphate from the burette is added to sod. arsenate in the titration cell the compound obtained by conductometry is the one in which the ratio of Fe As is 1 : 1 : 1. The formation of both these compounds has been supported by the inorganic analysis of the ferrous arsenate precipitate (Bhattacharya, J I C S. 1949 26, NO 2, 103). The discrepancies from the theoretical ratio of Fe As are due to hydrolysis and adsorption effects.

There is a meagre amount of literature on the subject and a few old references are available Hermann Metzke (Zeit Anorg Chem, 1899 19 457), William Duncan (Pharm. Jour 1905 (IV) 20, 71) G Klemp and J Gyulai (Kolloid, Zeitsch 1917 15 202). The latest work is that of Bhattacharya (J I. C. S. 1940 26, 2 103) who analysed the precipitates (fresh and aged) obtained by mixing  $\text{FeSO}_4$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$  at various concentrations and suggested

various empirical formulae. His results suggested that the composition of the precipitated ferrous arsenate was influenced by (1) oxidation-reduction phenomenon between the reactants (2) hydrolytic character of the compound (3) and phenomenon of adsorption which bring about complications in the analytical estimation of this compound.

In view of the difficulties associated with analytical work, attempts have been made in this paper to investigate the compound by physico-chemical methods which seem to throw further light on its composition. While the results of potentiometric, thermometric and amperometric measurements are in progress, the results of conductometry are being communicated in this paper.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Merck's sample of  $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was used and the solution was standardised iodometrically against sodiumthio-sulphate of known strength. Merck's sample of ferrous ammonium sulphate was recrystallised in alcohol and the dried sample was kept in the desiccator. Its solution was standardised against  $\text{KMnO}_4$  as usual.

The conductivities of solutions were measured as usual by Kohlrausch Universal Bridge (W. G. Pye Ltd.). The conductances were then corrected for the dilution effect (Davies, *The conductivity of solutions* p. 248). Using different concentrations of the two salts in solution titrations were followed both by the direct and the reverse methods (i. e., when sod. arsenite from the burette was added to ferrous ammonium sulphate in the titration cell and vice-versa). The titrations were also carried out in presence of varying amounts of alcohol 2%, 5%, 10%. The corrected conductances of the solution were then plotted against the titre and the equivalence point was noted by the intersection of the straight portions of the curves.

From the titration values I determined the ratio of  $\text{Fe}:\text{As}$  in these compounds and compared them with those obtained by analysis (loc. cit.). Conductometric titrations were carried out at various concentrations of the reactants and a summary of results has been given in the following table for ready reference.

Table I  
DIRECT METHOD

When  $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$  from the burette was added to Ferrous amm. sulphate in the titration cell

Con of the reactants	V L of		Vol. of alcohol in the cell	V L of $\text{N}_2\text{HAsO}_4$ reqd	
	F (ous) Amm. sul	to in the cell		F Amm sul	phat (btained from arses)
M/5.7 Fe (ous)	20	00	00	140	00
Amm sulphate	196		4	132	
M/5.7 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	131	
	180		20	131	
M/8.505 Fe (ous)	200	00	00	140	00
Amm sulphate	196		4	132	
M/8.593 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	130	
	180		20	128	
M/11.46 Fe (ous)	200	00	00	140	00
Amm sulphate	196		4	132	
M/11.40 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	131	
	180		20	131	
M/11.5 Fe (ous)	200	00	00	140	00
Amm sulphate	190		4	132	
M/21.5 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	131	
	180		20	128	

Table II  
REVERSE METHOD

When Ferrous amm sulfate soln. was added from the burette to  $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$  in the titration cell

Con of reactants	Vol. of F (ous) Amm. arsenate sol taken		Vol. of alcohol added	Vol. of F (ous) Amm. sol to reqd (obtained from arses)	
	F (ous) Amm. sul	to in the cell		F Amm sul	phat (btained from arses)
M/5. Fe (ous)	200	00	00	190	00
amm sul to	196		0	180	
M/5.7 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	170	
	180		20	160	
M/8.505 Fe (ous)	200	00	00	190	00
amm. sulfate	196		4	190	
M/8.593 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	180	
	180		20	170	
M/11.46 Fe (ous)	200	00	00	190	00
amm. sulfate	196		4	190	
M/11.40 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	182	
	180		20	171	
M/11.5 Fe (ous)	200	00	00	198	00
amm sulfate	196		4	188	
M/21.5 $\text{Na}_2\text{HAsO}_4$	190		10	180	
	180		20	170	

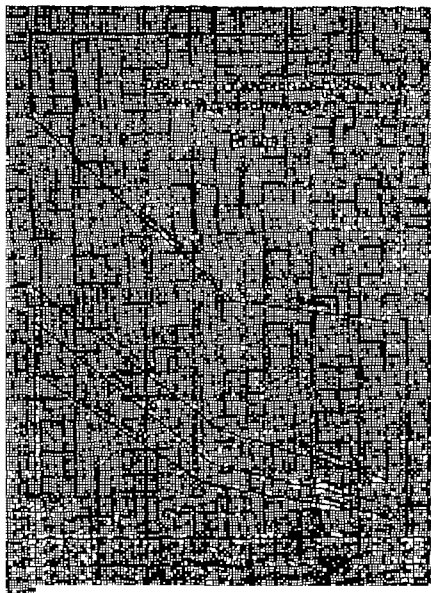
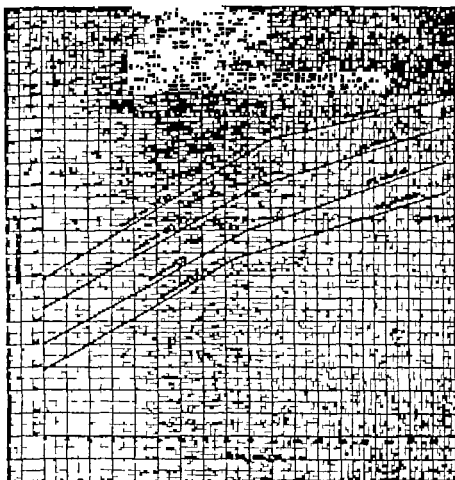


Table III

Composition of Ferrous Arsenate by conductometry (direct method)

Con of the reagents F mm. Sol & N HAsO	Aqueous solution F As	3% alcohol soln.		5% alcohol soln.		10% alcohol sol.	
		F	A	F	A	F	A
M/5.7 & M/5.7	1.7	1.674		1.608		1.66	
M/8.593 & M/8.593	1.7	1.674		1.665		1.661	
M/11.46 & M/11.46	1.7	1.674		1.670		1.663	
M/21.5 & M*1.5	1.7	1.674		1.670		1.653	



## Composition of Ferrous Arsenate by conductometry (Reverse method)

Con- Set & N	The reactants F amm HA O <sub>4</sub>	Aqueous solution F As	5% alcohol soln. F A	5% alcohol sol F A	10% alcohol soln. F A
M/5.7 & M/5.7		1.105	1.1088	1.112	1.1125
M/8.596 & M/8.595		1.1	1.103	1.1055	1.1059
M/11.46 & M/11.46		1.1	1.103	1.1055	1.1063
M/21.5 & M/21.5		1.1	1.103	1.1055	1.1058

Table IV

## Composition of Ferrous Arsenate by Inorganic Analysis

(Bhattacharya J.J.C.S. 1949 26 2, 105)

Conc. of the reactants	Formula	F A
1. Aq M/3.24 FeSO <sub>4</sub> & neutral M/2.23 Na <sub>2</sub> HAsO <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>1.14</sub> Fe (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1.1</sub>	1.106
2. Acidified M/3.24 FeSO <sub>4</sub> & neutral M/2.23 Na <sub>2</sub> HAsO <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>1.14</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1.1</sub>	1.106
3. Acidified M/6.86 FeSO <sub>4</sub> & M/2.23 Na <sub>2</sub> HAsO <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>1.14</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1.1</sub>	1.102
4. Acidified M/5 FeSO <sub>4</sub> & neutral M/5 Na <sub>2</sub> HAsO <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>1.14</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1.1</sub>	1.12
5. Acidified M/10 FeSO <sub>4</sub> & M/10 neutral Na <sub>2</sub> HAsO <sub>4</sub>	Fe <sub>1.14</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> (AsO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>1.1</sub>	1.11

## DISCUSSION

It is observed that by adding ferrous ammonium sulphate to disodium hydrogen arsenate, greenish white precipitate is first formed which gradually assumes a dark green colour in 10 minutes time. But in the reverse case when Na<sub>2</sub>HAsO<sub>4</sub> is added to ferrous ammonium sulfate the dark green precipitate is formed immediately. It seems in the former case the colour change is due to the adsorption effect and slow hydrolysis.

The conductometric titration curves yield only one point of equivalence indicating the formation of only one compound. In the case of direct titration the composition of ferrous arsenate nearly corresponds to the normal compound  $\text{Fe}(\text{AsO})_2$  in which the ratio of Fe : As is 1 : 66. The curves in the reverse titrations suggest the formation of a compound in which the ratio of Fe : As is nearly 1 : 1 : 1 which is supported by the analytical results obtained by Bhattacharya (J. I. C. S., 1949 26 103) vide table IV. In the presence or increasing amounts of alcohol the observed titre values gradually approach the theoretical values, because alcohol contributes to check hydrolysis and adsorption.

In view of the observations of conductometry and those of quantitative analysis, it can be reasonably concluded that the formation of ferrous arsenate is complicated by many factors. The role of P<sup>+</sup> of the soln., adsorption, hydrolysis, and mutual oxidation and reduction are the most important factors which are responsible for the variation of the composition of the compounds formed under different conditions.

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# STUDIES ON THE COMPOSITION OF CERIUM (CEROUS) FERROCYANIDE COMPLEX BY POTENTIOMETRIC METHOD

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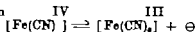
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The composition of cerous ferrocyanide has been determined by potentiometry using the ferriocyanide-ferrocyanide electrode. The composition of the compound cerous ferrocyanide indicated by potentiometry is the one corresponding to the molecular formula  $\text{Ce}[\text{K Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$ . The discrepancies in the equivalent points from the theoretical values have been explained as being due to the adsorption of  $\text{Ce}^{++}$  ions by the precipitated complex. In the presence of 20% alcohol the titration curve has a regular shape and the theoretical and the observed titration values for the formation of the complex  $\text{Ce}[\text{K Fe}(\text{CN})_6]$  almost coincide.

In continuation of my previous communication to the J. I. C. S. entitled, 'The composition of cerous ferrocyanide by conductometric method' this paper contains my observations obtained by potentiometric titration.

According to the equation



the oxidation potential of the ferriocyanide-ferrocyanide electrode is given by

$$E = E^\circ + 0.059 \ln \frac{[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-}}{[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}} \text{ at } 25^\circ\text{C}$$

Solutions of cerous nitrate were titrated against potassium ferrocyanide at several concentrations of these reactants. The reverse titrations only (When  $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  from the burette was added to cerous nitrate in the beaker) gave satisfactory results.  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{3-}/\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6^{4-}$  electrode was prepared by adding a little 1% solution of potassium ferriocyanide to  $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  solution (Galati Bull. Soc. Chim. 1864, II, 2, 83; Z. anal. Chem. 1865, 4, 313). In the titration of cerous nitrate with potassium ferrocyanide solution as there is an excess of  $\text{Ce}^{++}$  ions in the solution the concentration of ferrocyanide is small and so the potential of the electrode is high. Near the equivalence point when the cerous ions are quantitatively precipitated the next drop of ferrocyanide solution added to cerous nitrate causes an increase in  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{4-}$  and hence a decrease in the oxidation potential occurs. The point of equivalence can therefore, be read from the potentiometric titration curves.



## EXPERIMENTAL

Merck & Anala R reagents were used, and standard solutions of Cerous nitrate and potassium ferriocyanide were prepared. In all the titrations potassium ferriocyanide containing 1% potassium ferriocyanide was used (Kolthoff and Furman Potentiometric Titrations) Electrode used was of platinised platinum foil (Muller Z physical Chem., 1914 83, 44), and it was used in conjunction with a saturated calomel electrode. The titrations were also carried out in presence of alcohol upto a total concentration of 30% by volume. Curves were plotted between the vol. of ferriocyanide added and the E (observed) and from the fall of the curves the equivalence point could be found out.

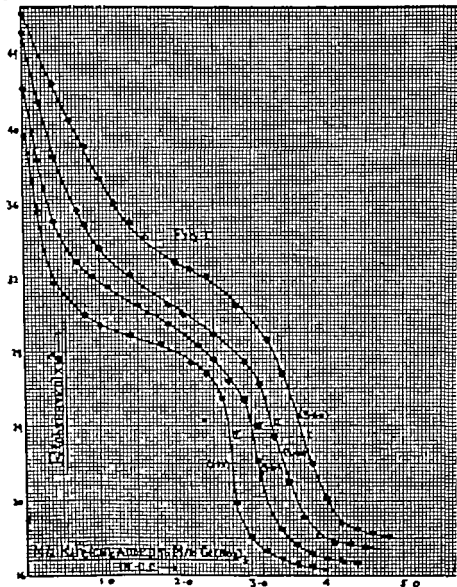


Table I

Conc. of  $\text{K Fe}(\text{CN})_6 = \text{M}/2$  Conc of  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3 = \text{M}/10$ 

Vol. of Cerous Nitrate taken = 20 c c

Alcohol added = Nil (Fig. 1 Curve 1)

K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)
0.0 a.	1612 volt	1.8	3350 volt	3.0 a.	2960 volt	4.2 a.	1884 volt
4	4240	2.0	3280	3.2	2860	4.4	1850
8	3892	2.2	3235	3.4	2680	4.6	1830
10	3722	2.4	3191	3.6	2465	4.8	1815
1.2	3600	2.6	3120	3.8	2205	5.0	1800
1.4	3505	2.8	3045	4.0	2010	5.2	1790

Table II

Vol of M/10  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  taken 18 c c

Alcohol added = 2 c c (Fig. 1 Curve 2)

K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)
0.0 a.	4514 volt	1.4	3210 volt	2.7	2820 volt	3.7 a.	1920 volt
2	4205	1.6	3138	2.9	2740	3.9	1822
3	4010	1.9	3055	3.1	2621	4.1	1780
4	3250	2.1	3000	3.3	2340	4.3	1758
6	3608	2.3	2950	3.5	2102	4.5	1762
1.0	3365	2.5	2890	3.7	1920	4.8	1740

Table III

Vol of M/10  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  soln. taken = 16 c c

Alcohol added = 4 c c. (Fig 1 Curve 3)

K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)
0.0 a.	4210 volt	9 a.	3203 volt	2.5 a.	2832 volt	3.4 a.	1840 volt
2	3832	1.1	3150	2.5	2760	3.6	1764
3	3665	1.3	3100	2.7	2610	3.8	170
4	3504	1.5	3050	2.9	2542	4.0	1690
5	3400	1.7	3006	3.1	2208	4.2	1681
7	3282	1.9	2950	3.2	2020	4.6	1650

Table IV

Vol of M/10  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  soln taken = 14 c. c.

Alcohol added = 6 c c (Fig 1 Curve 4)

K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E(oba)	K <sub>2</sub> F (ON) added	E( ba)
0.0 a.	3960 volt	1.0 a.	2945 volt	2.0 a.	2805 volt	3.2 a.	1730 volt
1	3605	1.2	2914	2.2	2745	3.4	1690
2	3350	1.4	2890	2.4	2678	3.6	1662
4	3170	1.6	2868	2.6	2550	3.8	1640
.8	3002	1.8	2840	3.0	1790	4.0	1632

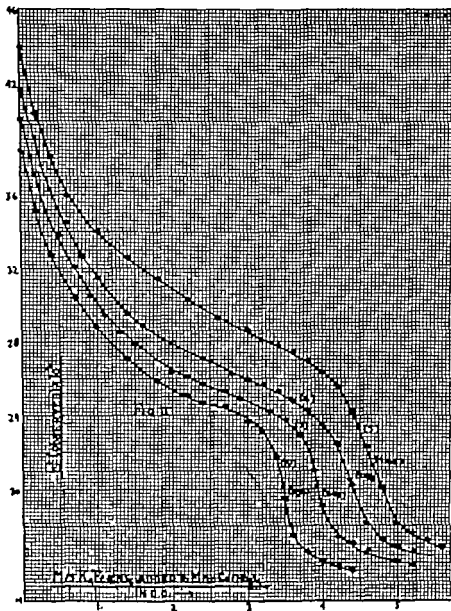


Table V

Titration between M/5K  $\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$  and M/20  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$   
 Vol. of M/20  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  soln. taken = 20 c.c.  
 Alcohol added = Nil (Fig. 2 Curve 5)

K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (obs)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)
0.0 <sub>a</sub>	4395 volt	1.6 <sub>a</sub>	3200 volt	3.6 <sub>a</sub>	2742	4.8 <sub>a</sub>	2014 volt
.2	4042	1.8	3150	3.8	2695	5.0	1840
.4	3812	2.2	3036	4.2	2560	5.4	1726
.8	3500	2.6	2930	4.4	2420	5.6	1685
1.2	3330	2.8	2890	4.6	2224	6.0	1646
1.4	3258	3.2	2920			6.5	1600

Table VI

Vol. of M/20  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  = 18 c.c.  
 Alcohol added = 2 c.c. (Fig. 2 curve 6)

K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (obs)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)
0.0 <sub>a</sub>	4170 volt	1.4 <sub>a</sub>	2966 volt	3.0 <sub>a</sub>	2600 volt	4.2 <sub>a</sub>	2232 volt
.2	3865	1.6	2895	3.2	2568	4.4	2005
.4	3612	2.0	2791	3.4	2537	4.6	1810
.8	3262	2.2	2748	3.8	425	4.8	1725
1.0	3152	2.6	2660	4.0	2350	5.4	1640

Table VII

Vol. of M/10  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  taken = 16 c.c.  
 Alcohol added = 4 c.c. (Fig. 2 Curve 7)

K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (obs)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (obs)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)
0.0 <sub>a</sub>	4020 volt	1.3 <sub>a</sub>	2836 volt	2.7	2530 volt	3.9 <sub>a</sub>	2105 volt
.2	3712	1.5	2730	2.9	2493	4.0	1902
.3	3380	1.7	2732	3.1	2460	4.2	1710
.7	3210	2.0	2640	3.3	2420	4.4	1710
.9	3052	2.2	2612	3.5	2376	4.6	1670
1.1	2948	2.4	2570	3.7	2300	4.8	1645

Table VIII

Vol. of M/10  $\text{Ce}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  soln. taken = 14 c.c.  
 Alcohol added = 6 c.c. (Fig. 2 Curve 8)

K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (obs)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (ba)	K <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> (ON) added	E (obs)
0.0 <sub>a</sub>	3845 volt	1.2 <sub>a</sub>	2780 volt	2.8 <sub>a</sub>	2418	3.9 <sub>a</sub>	1664 volt
.2	3518	1.6	2608	3.0	2374	4.0	1612
.4	3282	1.6	2591	3.2	2322	4.2	1588
.6	3115	2.0	2544	3.4	2160	4.4	1560
.8	2974	2.2	2510	3.6	1748	4.6	1538
1.0	2885	2.6	2450			5.0	1484



Table IX

Titration between M/15  $K_2Fe(CN)_6$  and M/50  $Co(NO_3)_2$   
 Vol. of M/50  $Co(NO_3)_2$  soln. taken=20 c.c.  
 Alcohol added=Nil (Fig. 3 Curve 9)

$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)
0.0 c.c.	3860 volt	2.0 c.c.	2833 volt	4.0 c.c.	2383 volt	5.8 c.c.	2006 volt
.2	3638	2.4	2800	4.8	2345	6.0	1940
.4	3425	2.8	2758	5.0	2400	6.2	1860
.8	3142	3.2	2710	5.2	2420	6.4	1812
1.2	2925	3.6	2675	5.4	2305	6.6	1748
1.6	2920	4.0	2610	5.6	2100	6.8	1730

Table X

Vol. of M/50  $Co(NO_3)_2$  soln. taken=18 c.c.  
 Alcohol added=2 c.c. (Fig. 3 Curve 10)

$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)
0.0 c.c.	3590 volt	1.8 c.c.	2750 volt	3.8 c.c.	2518 volt	4.8 c.c.	2362 volt
.2	3432	2.2	2694	4.0	2495	5.0	2280
.4	3270	2.6	2646	4.2	2478	5.2	2060
.8	3018	3.0	2602	4.4	2438	5.4	1940
1.2	2878	3.2	2581	4.6	2400	5.6	1862
1.6	2780	3.4	2536			6.0	1780

Table XI

Vol. of M/50  $Co(NO_3)_2$  soln. taken=16 c.c.  
 Alcohol added=4 c.c. (Fig. 3 Curve 11)

$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)
0.0 c.c.	3465 volt	1.6 c.c.	2510 volt	3.6 c.c.	2435 volt	4.6 c.c.	1920 volt
.2	3310	2.2	2605	3.8	2420	5.0	1850
.4	3120	2.6	2563	4.0	2390	5.2	1800
.8	2910	2.8	2540	4.2	2340	5.4	1780
1.2	2770	3.2	2480	4.4	2280	5.6	1750
1.6	2705	3.4	2335	4.6	2125	6.0	1720

Table XII

Vol. of M/50  $Co(NO_3)_2$  soln. taken=14 c.c.  
 Alcohol added=6 c.c. (Fig. 3 Curve 12)

$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)	$K_2Fe(CN)_6$ added	M (obs)
0.0 c.c.	3265 volt	2.0 c.c.	2490 volt	3.4 c.c.	2360 volt	4.2 c.c.	1890 volt
.2	3030	2.4	2450	3.6	2335	4.4	1760
.8	2815	2.8	2430	3.8	2285	4.6	1720
1.0	2660	3.0	2410	4.0	2200	4.8	1700
1.6	2540	3.2	2395			5.2	1670

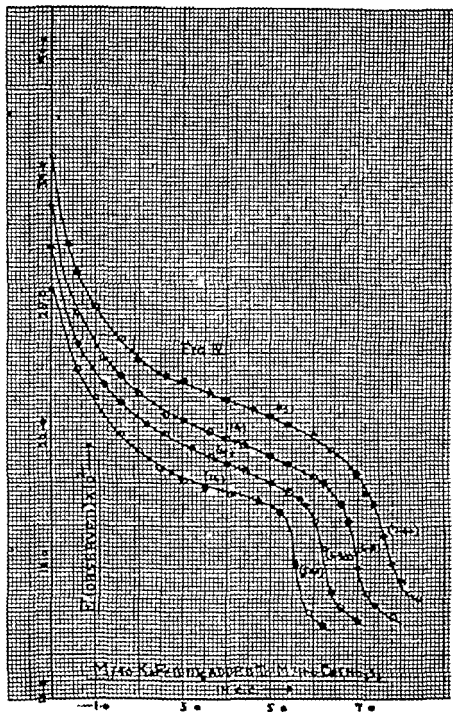


Table XIII

Titration between M/40  $K_4Fe(CN)_6$  and M/100  $Ce(NO_3)_3$  solution  
 Vol. of M/100  $Ce(NO_3)_3$  soln. taken = 20 c. c.  
 Alcohol added = Nil (Fig. 4 Curve 13)

$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)
0.0 a.s.	3510 volt	2.6 a.s.	2505 volt	5.4 a.s.	2270 volt	7.4 a.s.	1825 volt
4	3105	3.2	2455	5.8	2240	7.6	1760
.8	2880	3.8	2405	6.2	2180	7.8	1620
1.4	2695	4.2	2370	6.4	2155	8.0	1540
1.8	2620	4.8	2320	6.6	2120	8.2	1480
2.2	2560	5.0	2305	7.0	2040	8.6	1440

Table XIV

Vol. of M/100  $Ce(NO_3)_3$  soln. taken = 18 c. c.  
 Alcohol added = 2 c. c. (Fig. 4 Curve 14)

$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)
0.0 a.s.	3280 volt	2.2 a.s.	2380 volt	4.2 a.s.	2185 volt	5.8 a.s.	2050 volt
4	2910	2.6	2325	4.6	2160	6.2	2005
.8	2690	3.0	2290	4.8	2140	6.6	1905
1.2	2555	3.4	2255	5.0	2120	6.8	1805
1.6	2465	3.8	2220	5.2	2110	7.0	1620
1.8	2440	4.0	2200	5.4	2085	7.2	1490

Table XV

Vol. of M/100  $Ce(NO_3)_3$  soln. taken = 16 c. c.  
 Alcohol added = 4 c. c. (Fig. 4 Curve 15)

$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)
0.0 a.s.	3085 volt	2.0 a.s.	2300 volt	4.0 a.s.	2090 volt	5.8 a.s.	1900 volt
.2	2870	2.2	2275	4.4	2060	6.0	1815
4	2720	2.6	2230	4.6	2040	6.2	1700
.8	2585	2.8	2205	4.8	2020	6.4	1480
1.2	2455	3.2	2160	5.2	1980	6.6	1420
1.6	2360	3.6	2125	5.4	1960	6.8	1375

Table XVI

Vol. of M/100  $Ce(NO_3)_3$  soln. taken = 14 c. c.  
 Alcohol added = 6 c. c. (Fig. 4 Curve 16)

$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)	$K_4Fe$ (ON) added	E (obs)
0.0 a.s.	2890 volt	1.2 a.s.	2330 volt	3.5 a.s.	1985 volt	5.2 a.s.	1860 volt
2	2740	1.6	2225	3.8	1965	5.4	1815
4	2625	1.8	2180	4.1	1950	5.6	1580
6	2520	2.2	2115	4.5	1930	5.8	1420
8	2440	2.5	2070	4.7	1920	6.0	1360
1.0	2300	3.0	2015	5.0	1890	6.4	1320



Table XVII

Summary of results of potentiometric titrations in aqueous and alcoholic medium

No.	[K <sub>4</sub> Fe(CN) <sub>6</sub> ]	Ce(NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	Titration from Curves				Formula supposed
			Aqueous Sol	Sol observed	Alcoholic Sol	Sol observed	
1	M/2	M/10	4.0 c.c.	3.60 c.c.	3.60 3.2 2.8	3.4 c.c. in 10% alcohol 3.10 in 20% alcohol 2.75 in 30% alcohol	Ce K [Fe(ON) <sub>4</sub> ]
2	M/5	M/20	5.0 c.c.	4.65 c.c.	4.5 4.0 3.5	4.35 in 10% alcohol 3.95 in 20% alcohol 3.60 in 30% alcohol	Ce K [Fe(ON) <sub>4</sub> ]
3	M/15	M/50	6.0 c.c.	6.00 c.c.	5.40 4.80 4.20	5.25 in 10% alcohol 4.70 in 20% alcohol 4.10 in 30% alcohol	Ce K [Fe(ON) <sub>4</sub> ]
4	M/40	M/100	8.0 c.c.	7.60 c.c.	7.40 6.40 5.60	6.00 in 10% alcohol 5.30 in 20% alcohol 5.60 in 30% alcohol	Ce K [Fe(ON) <sub>4</sub> ]

## DISCUSSION

From the above summary of observations in table XVII it will be clear that the potentiometric titrations give only one point of equivalence in support of the formation of the compound Ce K [Fe(ON)<sub>4</sub>] where the molecular ratio of the reactants [K<sub>4</sub>Fe(CN)<sub>6</sub>] and Ce(NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub> is as 1 : 1. It is further to be noted that the points of equivalence in aqueous medium are slightly lower than the theoretical values required for the formation of the above compound Kolthoff and Furman (loc cit) and Muller and Takagami (Z. anal. Chem. 1928 73 234) also observed that in precipitation reactions the maximum leap did not occur at the theoretical point of equivalence. This discrepancy between the theoretical and the observed titre values may be due to the adsorption of Ce<sup>++</sup> ions by the precipitated complex which would tend to lower the titre values.

My views on adsorption of Ce<sup>++</sup> ions by the precipitate are supported by the titre values in presence of alcohol. It will be seen from table XVII that in presence of increasing amounts of alcohol the observed titre values gradually go up to approach the theoretical titre values because alcohol helps to suppress the adsorption. In presence of 30% alcohol the potentiometric titration curve has a regular shape and the theoretical and the observed titre values almost coincide.

The potentiometric observations are in conformity with the conductometric results communicated in the previous paper.

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# RHEOCHOR

## PART I

### (A Critical Review)

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Chemists have for long sought, but with indifferent success, some expression that would co-relate the composition and structure of a liquid with its viscosity.

Dunston and Thorpe<sup>1</sup> showed that in certain homologous series, a linear relation holds between the molecular weight,  $M$ , and  $\log \eta$  at constant temperature when  $\eta$  is the viscosity. They evaluated several atomic group and structural constants but the value of these is severely restricted. Because any selected temperature can only be within the range of liquidity of a relatively small number of substances. Linke using Sheppard's equation

$$\log \eta = A + \frac{B}{T}$$

showed that constants  $A$  and  $B$  vary linearly with the number of carbon atoms in the homologous series, but this again is too restricted to be of general use.

What was really needed therefore was some function of viscosity that is practically independent of the temperature over a considerable range. In a series of papers Herz<sup>2</sup> showed that  $\frac{M\eta}{D}$  is a constant for non-associated liquids over such a range  $D$  being the liquid density.

That a connection should exist between viscosity and surface tension has long been realized. Sharma pointed out that  $\log \sigma$ ,  $\sigma$  being the surface tension, is in certain cases a linear function of  $\log \eta$  over a restricted range of temperature. A neat expression was obtained by Silverman and Roseveare who combined Macleod's equation with earlier one of Batzchinski<sup>3</sup> and obtained

$$\sigma^2 = A/\eta + B \text{ where } A \text{ and } B \text{ are constant,}$$

Friend<sup>2</sup> pointed out that over a considerable range of temperature from just below the boiling point downwards,  $\eta/n^2$  is a constant for non-associated substances thus expressing viscosities in millipoises, he obtained

$$K = 6/(10^3 n)^2$$

Tempo.	10°c.	20°c.	40°c.	60°c.	80°c.
Benzene	11.0	11.4	11.9	12.0	11.8
Methyl Butyrate	10.2	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.5
Bromine	13.0	13.2	13.3	13.3	—

The value of  $K$  varies considerably with the nature of the substances so that  $K$  is by no means a universal constant. Hence for a given liquid  $K$  will remain constant only over a temperature range in which the structure remains substantially the same

Sugden<sup>3</sup> in 1924 showed that,  $M\eta^{1/2}/D$  which he named the Parachor is an additive quantity independent of temperature Friend replaced  $\eta^{1/2}$  by  $n^{1/2}$  and showed that the quantity  $Mn^{1/2}/D$  is independent of temperature over the range for which  $K$  is constant. He named this constant as Rheochor<sup>4</sup>

With all liquids  $R$  rises as the melting point is approached. This is probably due to the grouping or orientation of the molecules which occurs prior to the solidification. On the otherhand,  $R$  again rises with the temperature from the boiling point upwards. At these temperatures, the vapour density 'd' becomes appreciable and replacement of  $D$  by  $D+2d$  gives a constant value for  $R$  over a greater temperature range

Thus by using the relation 
$$R = \frac{M(10^3 n)^{1/2}}{D+2d}$$

he obtained the following results.—

	100°c.	140°c.	180°c.
1	109.5	109.8	109.2
Chl <sup>5</sup>		130.1	130.6
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C			
(B			144.2

For associated liquids e.g. alcohols  $R$  falls with rise of temperature, for such substances boiling point is a convenient temperature for comparison of  $R$ . It was further found that  $R$  is additive and analogous isomeride yield similar values. Isomeride of different types however yield some what different values. For monomeric substances, increase of external pressure appears to have only a slight effect on  $R$ . It was further observed that for monomeric  $R$  is a definite fraction of the molar critical volume  $V_c$ . Thus

	$R$	$V_c$	$R/V_c$
Benzene	110.4	257.0	0.429
Chloro Benzene	120.0	287.9	0.420
Chloroform	99.5	231.4	0.430
Ethyl Acetate	118.5	286.0	0.414
Mean =			0.424

Friend and Hargreaves<sup>11</sup> extended their work and determined Atomic group and structural Rheochors at the boiling point. The work of Friend and Hargreaves as regards the atomic structural and group Rheochors is summarized in the table below

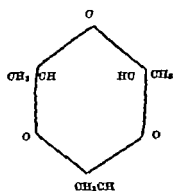
#### Atomic and Group Rheochor

O	12.8	O= (Ketonic)	13.2
O< (Etheric)	10.0	OO-Valent Bond	0.0
H (in ordinary C-H)	5.5	OO-ordinate bond	0.4
H (in O-OH)	10.0	Cl	27.3
H (in HCl)	9.7	Br	35.8
H (in HBr)	14.6	I	47.6
H (in HI)	15.0	N (-)	6.6

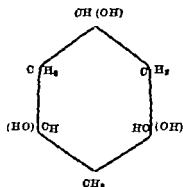
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O H (attached to alkyl radicals)	100.7
CO O (Acids and Esters)	26.0
NH	20.6
NH	13.6
ON	22.0
Saturated Sixmembered ring	-5.6

The use of Rheochor in solving structural problems is of importance. In case of paraldehyde for example, as mentioned by Glasstone<sup>12</sup> the parachor using Sugden's data, does not enable a decision to be made between the two possible cyclic formula.



I



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The observed rheochor of paraldehyde is 172.0 that of acetaldehyde is 62.4. According to formula (I) the difference between paraldehyde and three molecules of acetaldehyde consists in the removal of three ketonic double bonds and formation of a saturated six membered ring. Hence the rheochor of paraldehyde should be  $3 \times 62.4 - 3 \times 3.2 = 172.0$ . For formula II rheochor is 185.5 so the evidence is strongly in favour of formula (I).

Work on rheochor has also been done by some other workers. Srivastava<sup>13</sup> studied the variation of rheochor with temperature. He calculated the rheochor values for a number of organic liquids. With normal liquids (e.g. with hydrocarbons and esters) the rheochor R showed a slight tendency to decrease first and then increase as the boiling point was approached. The total variation from the mean was  $\pm 0.5\%$ . In the case of associated liquids (e.g. water and alcohol) R decreases with the rise of temperature and the variation from the mean is greater.

Nayer and Srivastava<sup>14</sup> used rheochor values for the study of the constitution of iodic acid. They drew graphs of rheochor (also parachor and molecular refraction) against concentration of aqueous  $\text{HIO}_3$  which showed discontinuities at 0.1N and 0.04N.

They therefore, suggested that in concentrated solutions (  $\text{HIO}$  ) is the dominant form and that this changes to dimer at concentrations  $< 0.01$ . Below  $0.01\text{N}$  the monomer exists mainly in the ionized state. They also postulated, the electronic structures of these forms.

Nayer and Pandey<sup>12</sup> tried to study the formation of complex compounds between lead nitrate and alkali nitrates (The system  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 - \text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3 - \text{H}_2\text{O}$  was studied.) A solution containing a constant amount of  $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  and increasing amount of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  were examined with respect to rheochor viscosity parachor and some other properties. Each of these properties when plotted against concentration showed three distinct breaks which according to them correspond to the compounds  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot n \text{NH}_4\text{NO}_3$  where  $n = 1, 2$  and  $4$  and that they system resembled that of  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 - \text{KNO}_3 - \text{H}_2\text{O}$  rather than  $\text{Pb}(\text{NO}_3)_2 - \text{NaNO}_3 - \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

Bhagwat and Tewari<sup>13</sup> advanced the view that rheochor like parachor can be determined by the solution method, both for liquids and solids by the expression

$$R_m = R(1-x) + xR_x$$

Where  $R_m$  is the rheochor of the solution,  $R$ , the rheochor of the solvent,  $R_x$  the rheochor of the solute and  $x$  and  $(1-x)$  the molecular fraction of the solute and the solvent respectively. From the results given in the year book of 1937 they showed the applicability of the law to sugar solution. Bhagwat and Mandloi<sup>14</sup> extended the work. Systematic work on this problem was carried out by Subbiah and the details of the work are given in the next paper.

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# 15 RHEOCHOR PART II

(Application of Hammick and Andrews  
Equation to Binary Mixtures)

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Bhagwat and Tosiwal<sup>1</sup> suggested that like parachor rheochor can be determined by the solution method, both in case of solids as well as the liquids by the expression

$$R_m = R(1-x) + xR_s$$

where  $R_m$  is the rheochor of the solutions  $R$  the rheochor of the solvent and  $R_s$  that of the solute whose molecular fraction  $x$  is dissolved in  $(1-x)$  fraction of the solvent.

$R_m$  is given by the expression

$$R_m = \frac{M_m n^{1/3}}{D_m}$$

where  $M_m$  = mean molecular weight of the solution

$n$  = viscosity

$D_m$  = density of the solution

$M_m$  is obtained from the relation

$$M_m = M(1-x) + xM_s$$

$M$  and  $M_s$  being the molecular weights of the solvent and the solute respectively

From the results of  $n$  and  $D$  available from the annual yearbook of 1937 they tried the applicability of the law to the organic solutions. Bhagwat and Mandloi<sup>2</sup> extended the work but no systematic work was done. Hence to test the applicability of the law more extensive work was carried out by us. Hammick and Andrews<sup>3</sup> in their original work on the application of the mixture law to the parachors of liquids divided the liquid mixtures in the following groups (1) non-associated solutes in associated solvents (2) associated solutes in associated solvents, (3) associated solutes in non-associated solvents. We have carried out the work on similar lines at various temperatures and in general found that the mixture law is applicable in most of the cases.



Newton and Friend<sup>4</sup> in their original work, give the value of rheochor at the boiling points, since the values are constant only at that temperature. Our work is carried out at lower temperatures and as such our values do not coincide with the theoretical values. However as we are more concerned with the application of the mixture law and not the absolute rheochor values we have only seen the agreement between the experimental rheochor value of the pure liquid at a particular temperature and its rheochor value at the same temperature calculated from the mixture law.

### EXPERIMENTAL

Viscosity of the liquids and the solutions was determined with the help of Ostwalds Viscometer. The same Viscometer and the same volume of the liquid was always used. A stopwatch was used to note the time of the fall of the fluid between the two marks. The temperature was maintained constant between the limits of  $\pm 0.1$  by immersing the viscometer as well as the pycnometer (used for determination of density) in a thermostat. Substances used were A. R. B. D. H. or Merck samples and the liquids were distilled before the use.

If  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  be the viscosity of the solution and the water respectively  $d_1$ ,  $d_2$  their densities and  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  the time of fall then

$$\frac{n_1}{n_2} = \frac{d_2 t_2}{d_1 t_1}$$

The viscosity and density of water at the temperature of the experiment, was obtained from standard tables and the value  $n$  (the viscosity of the solution) was calculated. As the viscosity  $n$  is found to be very small the value  $n \times 10^3$  is used during the calculations.

The rheochor of the solution is then calculated by the expression

$$R_m = \frac{M_m (n \times 10^3)^{1/2}}{D_m}$$

while that of the liquid by the equation

$$R = \frac{M (n \times 10^3)^{1/2}}{D}$$

where  $R_m$  and  $R$  are the rheochors of the solution and the pure liquid (solvent);  $M_m$  and  $M$  the mean molecular weights of the solution and of the pure liquid and  $D_m$  and  $D$  are their densities respectively.

$R_1$  the rheochor of the solute is calculated by the relation already explained viz.  $R_m = (1-x) R + xR_1$

Extensive work was done as regards the application of the law but only few representative cases are tabulated here

**LIQUID LIQUID MIXTURES**  
**Rheochor of Acetic Acid (in Benzene)**

**TABLE 1 (Temp 20°c)**

$x$	$D_m$	$n \times 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0000	0.8782	6.79	78.00	112.8	—
0.2158	0.8964	6.38	74.10	104.5	75.1
0.3643	0.9140	6.84	71.43	99.5	76.2
0.4322	0.9210	6.70	70.73	97.4	76.5
0.5213	0.9340	6.84	68.60	93.4	77.0
0.7321	0.9520	7.25	64.82	87.2	77.8
0.9233	0.9731	8.08	61.37	81.9	79.1
1.0000	1.0465	11.03	60.00	—	78.8

Mean=76.9

**TABLE 2 (Temp 25°c)**

$x$	$D_m$	$n \times 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0000	0.8746	6.42	78.00	112.6	—
0.2158	0.8944	6.32	74.10	104.3	74.5
0.3643	0.9100	6.61	71.43	99.4	75.6
0.4322	0.9191	6.50	70.73	97.2	76.1
0.5213	0.9312	6.63	68.60	93.3	76.3
0.7321	0.9480	6.68	64.82	86.7	77.2
0.9233	0.9681	7.16	61.37	81.1	78.5
1.0000	1.0432	10.98	60.00	—	78.0

Mean=76.4

**TABLE 3 (Temp. 30°c.)**

$x$	$D_m$	$n \times 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0000	0.8708	5.99	78.00	112.0	—
0.2158	0.8904	6.10	74.10	103.9	74.1
0.3643	0.9072	6.28	71.43	99.1	75.3
0.4322	0.9152	6.24	70.73	97.1	75.5
0.5213	0.9279	6.42	68.60	93.2	76.1
0.7321	0.9430	6.53	64.82	85.9	76.4
0.9233	0.9632	7.10	61.37	80.0	77.3
1.0000	1.0432	10.55	60.00	—	77.3

Mean=75.8

## Rheochor of Benzene (In Methyl-Alcohol)

TABLE 1 (Temp 30°c)

$x$	D	$x \cdot 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0000	0.7903	5.60	32.00	50.3	—
0.1598	0.8127	5.61	39.38	60.2	111.8
0.3149	0.8307	5.63	47.87	72.6	111.5
0.4474	0.8420	5.59	53.36	78.5	111.2
0.7425	0.8551	5.46	66.16	95.7	111.4
0.8277	0.8606	5.40	70.08	100.8	111.3
1.0000	0.8516	5.70	78.00	—	112.0

Mean=111.4

TABLE 2 (Temp 40°c)

$x$	D	$x \cdot 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	R
0.0000	0.7823	4.90	32.00	50.0	—
0.1598	0.8037	4.91	39.38	59.8	110.3
0.3149	0.8219	5.07	47.87	71.1	110.7
0.4474	0.8321	4.78	53.36	78.0	109.9
0.7425	0.8468	4.69	66.16	94.8	110.4
0.8277	0.8534	4.90	70.08	100.2	110.6
1.0000	0.8537	4.90	78.00	—	111.4

Mean=110.4

TABLE 3 (Temp 50°c)

	D	$x \cdot 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0000	0.7747	4.16	32.00	49.7	—
0.1598	0.7971	4.11	39.38	58.8	109.0
0.3149	0.8131	4.05	47.87	70.3	109.3
0.4474	0.8238	4.14	53.36	77.4	109.6
0.7425	0.8385	4.11	66.16	94.0	109.6
0.8277	0.8420	4.13	70.08	96.4	109.8
1.0000	0.8447	4.15	78.00	—	106.2

Mean=109.4

## SOLID LIQUID MIXTURES

Rheochor of Urea (in water)

TABLE 1 (Temp 30°c)

$x$	D	$n \times 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0219	1.0210	9.33	18.92	24.6	54.3
0.0085	1.0400	8.72	20.02	25.5	60.9
0.0994	1.0760	9.91	22.18	27.5	63.8
0.1518	1.0960	10.87	23.34	28.9	65.2

Mean = 61.2

Calculated value for the rheochor of Urea = 64.0

Rheochor of Urea (in ethyl alcohol)

TABLE 2 (Temp 30°c)

$x$	D	$10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0258	0.8125	9.10	46.37	73.2	64.6
0.0362	0.8199	10.86	46.51	76.4	64.2
0.0583	0.8287	10.09	46.82	75.1	65.8
0.0721	0.9334	9.75	47.02	74.9	64.3

Mean = 64.7

Rheochor of Acetamide (in water)

TABLE 3 (Temp 30°c)

$x$	D	$n \times 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	R
0.0363	1.0070	11.49	19.49	26.3	89.2
0.0438	1.0090	10.15	19.80	26.2	86.0
0.0791	1.0160	11.78	21.25	28.5	87.0
0.0928	1.0230	14.16	23.27	31.7	87.5

Mean = 87.4

Calculated value for the rheochor of Acetamide = 72.7

Rheochor of Acetamide (in ethyl alcohol)

TABLE 4 (Temp 30°c)

$x$	D	$n \times 10^3$	$M_m$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.0527	0.8083	9.42	46.42	76.1	84.6
0.0646	0.8175	10.00	46.75	76.3	84.3
0.0901	0.8236	10.16	47.18	76.5	84.8
0.1041	0.8275	12.61	47.37	76.8	86.2

Mean = 84.9

## DISCUSSION

The value  $R_2$  shows that the mixture law is applicable very satisfactorily in the case of liquid liquid mixtures. In case of acetic acid as well as in case of benzene the rheochor values obtained from the mixture law are to some extent lower than the actual values of the pure liquids. The calculated rheochor values of acetic acid and benzene are 76.9 and 111.4 respectively while the values for the pure liquids are 78.8 and 112.0 respectively which are fairly in agreement with the calculated values. In case of acetic acid the values at low concentrations are quite low but approach the value of the pure liquid as the concentration of acetic acid in the mixture increases.

In case of solid mixtures the rheochor value of urea and acetamide is determined using two solvents viz. Water and ethyl alcohol. As is clear from the tables the values seem to be more constant and approach the calculated value when ethyl alcohol is used as a solvent rather than when water is used as a solvent. The calculated value of the rheochor of urea is 64.0 while the experimental value in case of water is 61.2 and ethyl alcohol it is 64.7. The value in case of ethyl alcohol is clearly more satisfactory. In case of acetamide the mean value in case of water and ethyl alcohol is 87.4 and 84.9 respectively and as such is much higher than the calculated value which is 72.7. The mixture law thus seems to be more applicable in case of liquid liquid mixtures rather than solid liquid mixtures. Moreover as is clear from the tables the values of  $R_2$  in case of solids at different concentrations are not regular as is the case with liquids.

More work as regards the causes of this deviation is in progress. It is not unlikely that the deviation from the mixture law for the solutions of solids may be due to the fact that, the rheochor of the solid as obtained from the mixture law cannot be compared with the theoretical rheochor values, supposed to be the values at the boiling point of the substances. The validity of the mixture law in liquid solutions is clear since the rheochor of the liquid in pure state and that from the mixture law refer to the same temperature.

In the third part of this paper an attempt has been made to test the applicability of the mixture law to ternary mixtures.

In case of the ternary mixtures the rheochor of the solution is given by

$$R_m = (1-x-y) R + x R_1 + y R_2$$

### SUMMARY

Mixture law has been tried to find the rheochor values of solids and liquids in case of binary mixtures. In case of liquids rheochor of acetic acid and benzene have been determined and found to be fairly in agreement with the values of the pure liquids. In case of solid liquids mixtures, the value of urea obtained is nearly the same as the theoretical value, the value of acetamide obtained is however considerably high when compared with the theoretical value. The mixture law thus seems to be more applicable in case of liquid liquid mixtures rather than in case of solid-liquid mixtures.

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# RHEOCHOR PART III

(Application of Hammick and Andrews  
Equation to Ternary Mixtures)

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Subnis and Bhagwat (J Indian Chem Soc 1931 28, 275) attempted to see how far mixture law is applicable to the Rheochor of ternary mixtures. The work has now been extended to various ternary mixtures. The systems chosen in this paper are all consisting of liquids associated and non-associated. In order to be able to know the exact extent of application law has been studied over the whole range of concentration that is from zero molar fraction to molar fraction equal to one. Results therefore over the whole range have been submitted. This study over the whole range was necessary to plot a graph and see whether straight line mixture law is applicable in so the simple mixture law was not applicable. Rheochor is known to approach the theoretical value in case of pure liquids as the temperature is increased. The law therefore has been studied at different temperatures for the same mixture. In case of a ternary mixture the Rheochor of the solution  $R_m$  is given by

$$R_m = (1-x-y) R + xR_1 + yR_2$$

where  $R$ ,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are the Rheochors of the solute and the two solvents respectively and  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $1-x-y$  are their molar fractions.  $R_m$  is given by

$$R_m = \frac{M_m \lambda}{D}$$

where  $\lambda$  is the viscosity of the solution whose density is  $D$ . The mean molecular weight  $M_m$  of the solution is given by

$$M_m = (1-x-y) M + x M_1 + y M_2$$

where  $M$ ,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are the molecular weights of the solute and the two solvents respectively. The results are recorded below—





### RHEOCHOR OF BENZENE

Benzene, Ethyl Alcohol, Methyl Alcohol system

TABLE 1 (Temp. 35 c)

$$R(\text{Ethyl Alcohol}) = 75.4$$
$$R(\text{Methyl Alcohol}) = 49.7$$
[illegible]

TABLE 2 (Temp 45°C)

$$R(\text{Ethyl Alcohol})=74.3$$
$$R_{\text{(Methyl Alcohol)}} = 48.6$$
[illegible]

TABLE 3 (Temp 55°C)

R (Ethyl Alcohol) = 73.8

R (Methyl Alcohol) = 47 °

[illegible]

### RHEOCHOR OF BENZENE

Benzene Methyl Alcohol, Toluene Systems

TABLE 1 (Temp 35 c)

(R-Methyl Alcohol) = 49.7

R (Toluene) = 122.3

[illegible]

TABLE 2 (Temp. 45°C)

R (Methyl Alcohol) = 48.6

 $R(\text{Toluene}) = 131.9$ 

$x$	$y$	$(1-x-y)$	$M_{20}$	$D_{20}$	$n \times 10^3$	$R_{20}$	$R_x$
0.0314	0.7563	0.1923	43.88	0.8136	4.70	68.4	109.6
0.2283	0.5392	0.2324	56.43	0.8299	4.53	82.4	110.3
0.3595	0.3020	0.3385	68.84	0.8422	4.43	98.4	108.7
0.5843	0.1141	0.3016	76.98	0.8500	4.42	109.1	109.3
0.7025	0.1506	0.1467	73.10	0.8511	4.44	103.7	109.6
1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	78.00	0.8580	4.68	110.2	

Mean = 109.5

TABLE 3 (Temp 55°C)

R ( Methyl Alcohol ) = 47.9

R ( Toluene ) = 131.4

$x$	$y$	$(1 \pm y)$	$M_m$	$D_m$	$n \times 10^3$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0,0514	0,7563	0,1923	41,88	0,8046	4,31	65,4	108,6
0,1283	0,5592	0,2324	56,43	0,8213	4,50	82,1	109,3
0,3595	0,3020	0,3385	68,84	0,8368	4,21	98,4	109,0
0,5843	0,1141	0,3016	76,98	0,8453	4,32	109,1	109,4
0,7025	0,1506	0,1467	73,10	0,8455	4,29	103,5	109,5
1,0000	0,0000	0,0000	78,00	0,8527	4,49	109,7	—

Mean = 109

### RHEOCHOR OF BENZENE

Benzene, Ethyl Alcohol, Toluene System

TABLE 1 (Temp 35 o)

R (Ethyl Alcohol) = 75.4

R (Toluene) = 122.3

[illegible]

TABLE 2 (Temp 45 c)

R (Ethyl Alcohol) = 74.3

R (Toluene) = 131.9

[illegible]

TABLE 3 (Temp 55 c)

R (Ethyl Alcohol) = 1.8

R (Toluene) = 131.4

[illegible]

**RHEOCHOR OF ETHYL ALCOHOL**

Ethyl Alcohol, Methyl Alcohol &amp; Acetone Free.

R. (Methyl Alcohol) = 49.7

$x$	$y$	$(1-x-y)$	$M_m$	$D_m$	$x \times M^2$	$E_m$	$E_x$
0.0834	0.8395	0.0771	35.16	0.7916	5.25	4.	72.3
0.2252	0.0905	0.6842	52.94	0.7960	5.54	52.3	55
0.3634	0.3779	0.2586	43.81	0.7968	5.75	24	74.8
0.6386	0.1289	0.2328	47.01	0.7997	6.50	74.3	74.9
1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	46.00	0.8000	8.50	—	—
							$1.00 = 74.4$

TABLE 2 (Temp. 35 c)

R. (Methyl Alcohol) = 48.6

$x$	$y$	$(1-x-y)$	$M_m$	$D_m$	$mx10^3$	$R_{ca}$	$R_x$
0.0834	0.8395	0.0771	35.16	0.7832	4.64	54.4	71.5
0.2541	0.5048	0.2413	41.83	0.7674	4.82	64.7	73.5
0.3634	0.3779	0.2586	43.81	0.7905	4.98	67.1	73.0
0.6386	0.1289	0.2328	47.01	0.7921	5.35	73.2	72.4
1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	46.00	0.7964	7.23	73.9	—

$\Delta f_{ca} = 7.9$

TABLE 3 (Temp 55 °C)

R (Methyl Alcohol) = 47.9

[illegible]



**RHEOCHOR OF ETHYL ALCOHOL**

Ethyl Alcohol, Benzene &amp; Methyl Alcohol System

TABLE 1 (Temp 35 c)

R. (Benzene)=110.8

$$R(\text{Methyl Alcohol}) = 49.7$$
[illegible]

TABLE 2 (Temp 45 c.)

$$R(\text{Benzene}) = 110.2$$

R (Methyl Alcohol) = 48.6

$x$	$y$	$(1-x-y)$	$M_m$	$D_m$	$n \times 10^3$	$R_m$	$R_x$
0.1782	0.0560	0.7636	57.07	0.7918	5.01	57.3	73.2
0.2856	0.2372	0.4771	46.90	0.8102	4.97	70.6	72.7
0.3713	0.1342	0.4944	43.37	0.8041	5.36	66.5	73.1
0.5989	0.0682	0.3328	43.51	0.7979	5.93	68.1	73.6
1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	46.00	0.7964	7.23	73.9	—

$\overline{M}_{\text{can}} = 73.1$

TABLE 3 (Temp. 35 c.)

$$R(\text{Benzene}) = 109.2$$

R (Methyl Alcohol) = 47.9

[illegible]

Rheochor of Benzene was determined in Ternary Systems consisting of Toluene and carbon tetrachloride Ethyl alcohol and methyl alcohol toluene and ethyl alcohol and methyl-alcohol and toluene In all cases the mixture law seems to be applicable over the entire range of molar fraction of Benzene The value of pure liquid as observed is 110.8. The values obtained in mixture are practically the same. At low molar fraction a slight variation is observed which may be due to experimental error since as the value of  $x$  falls the error is multiplied much more in calculating  $Rx$  The temperature variation does not seem to have appreciable influence on the Rheochor value although the value falls slightly with temperature.

Rheochor of Ethyl alcohol was investigated in Ternary Systems consisting of Benzene and Toluene methyl alcohol and benzene and in methyl alcohol and acetone Here again the mixture law seems to be applicable at all temperatures and for all molar fractions extending from zero to one. The value for pure liquid which is 75.6 agrees with the value calculated from ternary mixtures. As in case of Benzene the values show slight deviation at lower molar fractions.

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### SUMMARY

Mixture law is found to be applicable to ternary mixtures over the entire range of molar concentration. Systems investigated were

- (1) Benzene in Toluene and carbon tetrachloride Ethyl alcohol and methylalcohol Toluene and ethylalcohol Methylalcohol and toluene
- (2) Ethylalcohol in Benzene and toluene Methylalcohol and Benzene and Methylalcohol and acetone

# DIAMAGNETIC ANISOTROPY IN RELATION TO CRYSTAL STRUCTURE (Chlorates and Bromates)

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[Abstract: Principal diamagnetic susceptibilities of chlorate bromate ions in crystals have been measured and correlated with their known structure.]

## INTRODUCTION

In a recent paper the author (Mookherji 1951) correlated the principal diamagnetic susceptibilities of some bicarbonates and nitrates with their known fine structure. It was found that for  $\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{NO}_3$  groups which are planar  $K_{II}$  susceptibility normal to the plane of  $\text{CO}_3$  or  $\text{NO}_3$  group is greater than  $K_I$  that in the plane algebraically and that  $K_I - K_{II} = 5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  for  $\text{CO}_3$  group and  $5.4 \times 10^{-6}$  for  $\text{NO}_3$  groups. Ranganadhan (1929) observed that the magnetic birefringence in solutions of carbonates and nitrates is positive. This positive sign indicates that for approximately uniaxial crystals the direction of maximum diamagnetic susceptibility is one of least refractive index. Chinchalkar (1937) as a result of measurement of magnetic birefringence of chlorate and bromate ions in aqueous solution came to the conclusion that the sign of birefringence in  $\text{ClO}_3$  and  $\text{BrO}_3$  ions is negative, which shows that for ions like  $\text{ClO}_3$  and  $\text{BrO}_3$  the maximum diamagnetic susceptibility must correspond in direction with maximum refractive index. In other words  $K_{II}$  should be algebraically smaller than  $K_I$  for  $\text{ClO}_3$  and  $\text{BrO}_3$  ions. Magnetic anisotropy measurements of single crystals of  $\text{KClO}_3$  by Krishnan Gopal and Basu (1933) do reveal such a result. This difference in behaviour of  $\text{ClO}_3$  and  $\text{BrO}_3$  ions with that of  $\text{NO}_3$  and  $\text{CO}_3$  ions is very striking and it would be very interesting to study the directional



properties of chlorate and bromate ions with a view to obtain a knowledge about their principal susceptibilities which when correlated with their fine structure might provide an explanation of the difference in their magnetic behaviour

## EXPERIMENTAL

Crystals were grown out of aqueous solution at room temperatures. Chemicals used were of Merck's analytical variety. The determination of magnetic anisotropy were carried out by the method of Krishnan and Banerji (1935). Absolute susceptibility in a convenient direction of the crystal was determined by the method as developed by Datta (1944). Liquids used for such measurements were carbon tetra-chloride and Nitrobenzene of volume susceptibility  $-684 \times 10^{-6}$  and  $-.593 \times 10^{-6}$  respectively as given in International critical Tables Vol. VI.

## RESULTS

Results of measurements are collected in tables I and II and are expressed in the usual units i.e.  $10^{-6}$  of a C.G.S.E.M.U. For hexagonal crystal  $\lambda_{11}$  represents the gram molecular susceptibility along the symmetry axis and  $\lambda_1$  that along directions normal to it. In rhombic crystals  $\lambda_a$ ,  $\lambda_b$  and  $\lambda_c$  are the gram molecular susceptibility along a, b and c crystallographic axes respectively. For monoclinic crystals  $\lambda_1$  is the gram molecular susceptibility along b axis while greater of the two in the symmetry plane (010) is denoted by  $\lambda_2$  and the smaller by  $\lambda_3$ ,  $\theta$  is the angle which  $\lambda_3$  axis makes with a-axis and ( $\phi$  is that between  $\lambda_2$  axis and C axis).

$\bar{\chi}$  denotes the mean of the three principal susceptibilities and is given by  $\frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3}{3}$  for monoclinic crystals  $\bar{\chi} = \frac{\lambda_{11} + 2\lambda_1}{3}$  for rhombic crystals and  $\bar{\chi} = \frac{\lambda_{11} + 2\lambda_1}{3}$  for trigonal. Pascal's additive values were from Stoner's book on Magnetism (1934) and Selwood's magnetism (1943).

TABLE I  
ANISOTROPY

Unit for  $\chi_i$  is  $10^{-4}$  of c.g.s. e.s. u.

No.	Crystal	Crystallographi. data.	Mode of suspension.	Orientation in the field	$K \times 10^6$	Magneti. Anisotropy
1	KClO <sub>3</sub>	Moncl Prism $C_{2h}^2$ $Z=3$ $a=4.647 \text{ \AA}$ $b=5.585$ $c=7.085$ $\beta=109.38^\circ$	b axis vertical "a" (001) pl horia.	$\theta=-39.6$ b axis normal to field "	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5.41 \\ 3.40 \\ 3.45 \end{array} \right\}$	$\chi_1-\chi_2=5.41$ $\chi_1-\chi_3=5.66$ $\epsilon=+59.3$ cal $\Delta \chi=3.45$
2	Ba(ClO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O	Moncl Prism $C_{2h}^2$ $Z=4$ $a=5.80 \text{ \AA}$ $b=7.80$ $c=9.35$ $\beta=103.5$	b axis vertical "c" axis b and "c" axis horizontal	$(\epsilon)=+60^\circ 0$ b axis paral to field b axis	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5.54 \\ 0.74 \\ 3.06 \end{array} \right\}$	$\chi_1-\chi_2=5.54$ $\chi_1-\chi_3=0.57$ $\epsilon=+60.0$ cal. $\Delta \chi=3.06$
3	Br(ClO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	Rhomblc a : b : c = 0.9174 : 1 : 1.6003	"a" axis vertical b c	"c" axis along field " "	$\left. \begin{array}{l} 5.03 \\ 3.69 \\ 1.34 \end{array} \right\}$	$\chi_2-\chi_3=5.03$ $\chi_1-\chi_2=3.69$ cal $\Delta \chi=1.34$
4	K BrO	Hexagonal $\sqrt{3} = 1 C_{3v}^2$	Hexag axis horiz	Hexag axis along field	5.18	$\chi_{11}-\chi_{\perp}=5.18$

TABLE II  
ABSOLUTE SUSCEPTIBILITY

Serial No.	Crystal	Direction along which $\chi$ was measured.	Density of the crystal	Vol. suscep- tibility	Principal susceptibility	Mean susceptibility		
						Our	Parola.	Additive
						Value		
1	KClO <sub>3</sub>	along $\chi_1$ -axis	3.321	-0.853	$\chi_1 = -45.0$ $\chi_2 = -50.4$ $\chi_3 = -50.6$ }	-48.7	-45.1	
2	Ba(ClO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ·H <sub>2</sub> O	" b-axis	3.179	-1.014	$\chi = -102.3$ $\chi_2 = -107.8$ $\chi_3 = -102.9$ }	-104.3	-104.3	
3	Br(ClO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	" " axis	3.151	-1.002	$\chi_1 = -81.0$ $\chi_2 = -82.3$ $\chi_3 = -77.3$ }	-80.3	-84.9	
4	KBrO <sub>3</sub>	" $\chi_{11}$ axis	3.270	-1.076	$\chi_{11} = -55.1$ $\chi_1 = -60.2$ }	-58.5	-54.7	

## MAGNETIC ANISOTROPY IN RELATION TO CRYSTAL STRUCTURE

**KClO** — Its structure has been analysed by Zachariasen (1924) by X ray methods. H finds that there are two molecules in the unit cell and the ClO groups have pyramidal structure. Three oxygen molecules forming approximately an equilateral triangle at the three vertices and the chlorine atom at the centre of the oxygens being at a distance of 0.5 Å from the plane of the oxygen atoms. Plane containing oxygens are parallel to each other and are parallel to  $b$  axis. The direction perpendicular to oxygen planes is the axis of approximate uniaxial symmetry. Let  $K_{11}$  represent gram molecular susceptibility along normal to the plane containing oxygen atoms and  $K$  that along directions in that plane.

Hence  $K = \chi_2$ . From table I we find that  $\chi_2 - \chi_1 = .25$  and hence the plane containing  $\chi_2$  and  $b$  axis is the plane of symmetry i. e. the plane containing oxygen atoms. Thus  $K_{11}$  normal to the plane is equal to  $\chi_1$ . Hence

$$\chi_1 - \chi = K_{11} - K = 5.66$$

$$\text{and } \chi_1 - \chi_2 = K_{11} - K = 5.41$$

therefore for ClO ions  $K_{11} - K$  can be taken as 5.54, almost the same as nitrates and chlorates but with a negative sign.

**Ba (ClO)<sub>2</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O** — It crystallises in the monoclinic system with four molecules in the unit cell. Referring to table I we find that  $(\chi - \chi_2) + (\chi_1 - \chi) = 3.06$  which is much smaller than  $K_{11} - K = 5.54$  for ClO ions. Hence all the eight ClO groups in the unit cell will not interest the (010) plane in the same direction.

We find on referring to table II that  $\chi$  — axis is an approximate axis of magnetic symmetry. Let the normals to the planes of oxygen atoms of ClO group make an angle  $\delta$  with this  $\chi$  — axis.

$$\text{Evidently } K_{11} - K = \frac{\chi_1 - \chi}{\frac{1}{4} \sin^2 \delta - \cos^2 \delta}$$

substituting the value of  $\chi_1 - \chi = 2.77$  and adopting  $K_{11} - K$  for ClO as 5.54 as obtained in KClO crystals we have  $\delta = 63.^\circ 0$

Hence the normals to the molecular planes are inclined to  $X_2$ -axis at an angle of  $63.0$  degrees which is inclined to  $c$  axis at an angle of  $29.01$  to  $a$  axis at an angle of  $57.03$  and to  $b$  axis at an angle of  $48.7$

Recently the fine structure of  $\text{Ba}(\text{ClO})_2 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  has been studied by X ray methods by Kartha (1932). It is assigned a space group  $O_h^2$ . The  $\text{ClO}$  groups in the crystal retain their usual pyramidal form. After a detailed analysis he finds that the normal to the plane containing the oxygen of  $\text{ClO}$  group makes an angle  $49.3$  degrees with  $b$ -axis and is the same for all the  $\text{ClO}$  ions. This agrees very well with our value  $48.7$  degrees as deduced from magnetic data.

Optically we should expect from the above magnetic orientations the two principal refractive indices  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to be almost equal and smaller than  $\gamma$  which is supported by experiment (Groth 1908)

$\text{Sr}(\text{ClO})_2$ . It crystallises in the orthorhombic form

Let  $l$ ,  $m$  and  $n$  be the direction cosines of the normal to the plane of oxygens of  $\text{ClO}$  ion. Then we have

$$l^2 - m^2 = \frac{\chi_a - \chi_b}{K_1 - K_2}$$

$$l^2 - n^2 = \frac{\chi_a - \chi_c}{K_1 - K_3}$$

$$\text{and } l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

using the value of  $\chi_a - \chi_b$  and  $\chi_c - \chi_a$  from table I and taking  $K_1 - K_2$  for  $\text{ClO}$  as  $5.54$  we find that  $K_{11}$  axis is the normal to the plane containing oxygens of  $\text{ClO}$  group makes an angle of  $20.00$  degrees with  $a$  axis  $22.4$  degrees with  $b$  axis and  $50.02$  with  $c$  axis. Thus  $\chi_b$  should be greater than  $\chi_c$  and  $\chi_a > \chi_c$  should be the least. This is what is observed as is given in table II. At present there is no X-ray data to verify the above molecular orientations.

$\text{KBrO}$ . It crystallises in the hexagonal system. Its structure has been studied by X-ray methods (Nature vol. 113). It has one molecule in the unit cell. The  $\text{BrO}$  group has got the same pyramidal form as the  $\text{ClO}$  group. It is found that the plane the three oxygens of the  $\text{BrO}$  ion is perpendicular to the axis of

symmetry of the crystal. Hence using the same notations as in KClO crystal we find that

$$X = K_{II} \text{ and } X = K_I$$

Thus  $X_I = X_{II} = K_{II} = K_I = 5.18$  almost the same asymmetry as the ClO ions

### COMPARISON MAGNETIC ANISOTROPY OF CHLORATE ION WITH THAT OF CARBONATE AND NITRATE IONS

CO and NO groups which are planar the susceptibility normal to the plane of CO or NO group is greater than the susceptibility in the plane of the groups. This is attributed by Lonadale (1939) to the existence of double bonds in NO and CO ions, which introduce a force constraining certain electrons to occupy plane orbits whose effective area is larger than the normal ionic radius hence an abnormal diamagnetism normal to the plane of CO or NO results. For CO group the radius of this plane orbit is 1.08 Å since  $K - K_{II} = 5.4 \times 10^{-6}$  for CO group

In strong contrast to the magnetic behaviour of CO and NO ions is that of ClO and BrO ions. For in ClO and BrO ions  $K_I$  is greater than  $K_{II}$ . Such cases have been observed by Lonadale (1939) in aliphatic compounds, and is attributed to the absence of double bonds in aliphatic compounds.

The conventional electronic structure of chlorate ions according to Tauling (1934) shows that an unshared pair of electrons on the chlorine occupies one of its outer orbitals and the bond distances show a large amount of double bond character. This view contradicts Lonadale's explanation of  $K_I$  being greater than  $K_{II}$  when applied to ClO or BrO group. That is to say since ClO ion also have double bonds  $K_{II}$  for them should be greater than  $K_I$  which is against experimental findings.

### VAN VLECK'S THEORY

According to Van Vleck (1934) polyatomic molecules with zero spin will have their entire orbital moment of the high frequency type unless the molecules have some unusual symmetry. This

high frequency part will contribute to the magnetic moment of the molecule perpendicular to the resultant angular momentum. Then the susceptibility of such molecules is given by

$$\chi_{\text{mol}} = -\frac{Ne}{6me^2} r^2 + \frac{2}{3} N \sum \frac{m_{nn'}}{h\lambda(n'n)} \quad (1)$$

where  $m_{nn'}$  is an element of the electronic angular momentum matrix corresponding to the transition frequency  $\nu(n'n)$  all the other symbols have their usual significance

The first term of the above expression is the usual Pauli expression for diamagnetism. Because of the presence of the second term a polyatomic molecule of the above type may be paramagnetic or diamagnetic

The direct evaluation of the sum over the excited states is difficult, hence  $\lambda(n'n)$  is replaced by  $\bar{\nu}$  which is a sort of mean absorption frequency

### THEORY APPLIED TO CO AND ClO<sub>2</sub> IONS

According to equation (1) susceptibility for directions along the normal to the plane of the ions will be given by

$$K_{11} = -\frac{Ne}{6me^2} r^2 + \frac{2}{3} N \sum \frac{m_{nn'}}{h\nu_{11}(n'n)}$$

where  $\nu_{11}$  is the mean absorption frequency along the normal to the plane of the molecule and for direction in the plane of the ion is given by

$$K_1 = -\frac{Ne}{6me^2} r^2 + \frac{2}{3} N \sum \frac{m_{nn'}}{h\nu_1(n'n)}$$

to where  $\nu_1$  is the mean absorption frequency in the plane of the molecule so that the anisotropy of the molecule is given by

$$K_{11} - K_1 = \frac{2}{3} N \sum \frac{m_{nn'}}{h} \left\{ \frac{1}{\nu_{11}} - \frac{1}{\nu_1} \right\}$$

Thus the anisotropy  $K_{11} - K_1$  will be positive or negative depending on whether  $\nu_{11}$  is greater or smaller than  $\nu_1$

For NO ions we find that  $K_{11} - K_1$  is negative showing that  $\nu_{11}$  is greater than  $\nu_1$ . Krishnan and Das Gupta ( ) have studied absorption spectra of NaNO and KNO crystals. They find that  $\nu_{11}$  is greater than  $\nu_1$  in NO ions.

In  $\text{ClO}$  and  $\text{BrO}$  ions  $K_{11}$   $K_1$  is positive hence it is expected that  $\nu_{11}$  in these ions should be greater than  $\nu_1$ . At present there is no directional absorption data on these ions to verify our conclusions.

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# DIAMAGNETISM OF TARTRATES IN STATE OF SOLUTION

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[Abstract: The susceptibilities of some tartrates have been measured in state of solution. It is found that the change of susceptibility with concentration is a linear one within the change studied. The susceptibilities of dissolved substances were about 3% more than that of the solids.]

## INTRODUCTION

The effect of concentration on diamagnetism of solutions has been studied by many investigators. It was found that for alkali halides the susceptibility varied linearly with concentration (Vetel 1935). With 1 to 90% aqueous solution of Sodium and Potassium nitrates the result is the same (Bangsridham and Qureshi 1940). Scott and Blair (1933) found that for aqueous solution of hydrochloric acid the relation is linear but the same is not true for Lithium-Chloride. Trew and Spencer (1936) as a result of magnetic studies of several binary mixtures came to the conclusion that susceptibility  $\chi$  of a mixture follows Wiedemann additive law  $\chi = \chi_1 C_1 + \chi_2 C_2 + \dots + \chi_n C_n$  where..... (1)  $\chi_1, C_1$  etc. are the susceptibilities and weight fractions of the respective constituents of the mixture.

In spite of all the above it is not safe to conclude that susceptibility and concentration is a linear relation. There are a good number of evidences of the deviation from the Wiedemann

additive law Fromie acid and water mixture (Rao and Narayanaswami 1939) Aqueous solution of nitric acid (Ranganadham and Qureshi, 1935) are glaring examples

Hence it was thought worth while to study alkali tartrates in state of solution to reveal the influence of concentration on their diamagnetism

## EXPERIMENTAL

Chemicals used were of Mercks reagent quality Double distilled water was used for making solutions.

Experimental arrangement adopted for the present measurements was the same as used in the measurement of powdered tartrates (Mittal 1953) The differences of weights with magnet field on and off for different concentration were small hence the results so obtained by the above method were checked by a Datta balance (1944) where the angles of rotations could be measured more accurately The results obtained by both the methods agree well

## RESULTS

Results of measurements are collected in tables 1 to 4.

$C_s$  represents the concentration of the solution and is given by

$$C_s = \frac{\text{Weight of the substance dissolved.}}{\text{Total weight of the solution.}}$$

$\chi$  represents the susceptibility of the solution and is expressed in the usual units of  $10^{-4}$  of a C G S E M,  $\rho$  represents the density of the solution.

The nature of variation of susceptibility with concentration is shown in the graphs Figure 1 to 4.

TABLE I  
Temp 25°C  
Tartaric Acid

$C_2$	$P$	$-X$
0.50	2.0	0.5846
0.40	1.69	0.6302
0.33	1.50	0.6421
0.25	1.35	0.6520
0.20	1.28	0.6700
0.15	1.11	0.6985

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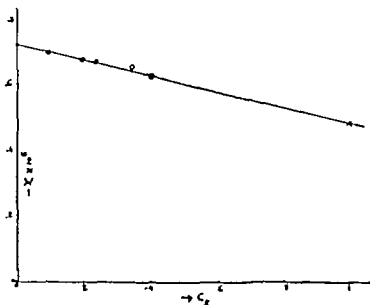


TABLE II  
Temp. 22°C  
Ammonium Tartrate

$C_0$	$\rho$	$\chi$
0.375	1.60	0.6400
0.333	1.50	0.6410
0.300	1.48	0.6495
0.250	1.40	0.6615
0.200	1.30	0.6801
0.150	1.15	0.6920

Fig. II

AMMONIUM TARTRATE

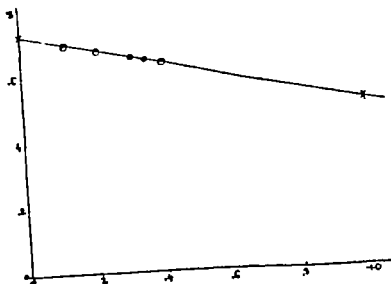


TABLE III  
Temp<sup>r</sup> 22 C  
Sodium Tartrate

$\alpha$	$P$	$\chi$
0.370	1.58	0.6195
0.330	1.50	0.6200
0.280	1.4	0.6291
0.230	1.35	0.6403
0.200	1.29	0.6610
0.150	1.13	0.6801

Fig. III

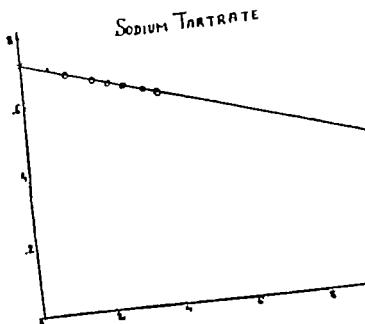
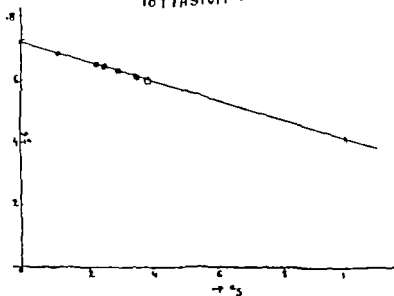


TABLE IV  
Temp' 22.0  
Potassium Tartrate

O	P	X
0.50	2.0	0.4852
0.40	1.65	0.5003
0.375	1.60	0.5000
0.333	1.48	0.5140
0.285	1.40	0.5243
0.250	1.35	0.5421
0.200	1.25	0.5610
0.150	1.10	0.5985

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POTASSIUM TARTRATE



## INFLUENCE OF CONCENTRATION ON SUSCEPTIBILITY

The changes of susceptibility of Tartrates in state of solution with concentration for the salts studied by us follow a linear law with deviations not more than 1% in each case as shown in the graphs fig 1 to 4. The relations can be expressed

1 For Tartaric acid by

$$\chi = -.25 C_s + 72 \quad (2)$$

2 For Ammonium Tartrate by

$$\chi = -.22 C + 72 \quad (3)$$

3 For Sodium Tartrate by

$$\chi = -.20 C_s + 72 \quad (4)$$

and 4. For Potassium Tartrate by

$$\chi = -.21 C_s + 72 \quad (5)$$

From the above equations it is seen that the rates at which susceptibilities vary are different for different salts. The rate is highest for Potassium and least is for Ammonium salt. In all cases the solvent is water so the rate of variation of susceptibility with concentration will depend on the susceptibility of the solute. The smaller the susceptibility the greater will be rate of variation. This view is supported by the result of susceptibility measurements on them. (Mittal 1953).

## SUSCEPTIBILITIES OF TARTRATES AS SOLIDS AND IN SOLUTION

Few investigations had been made to determine how far the diamagnetism of ions or molecules are affected by the presence of neighbouring ions, by surrounding the solvent molecules in solutions. Hocart (1929) found that the susceptibility of alkali and alkaline earth halides in state of solution differs from those of the salts in the solid state. The dissolved salts have susceptibilities some two to three percent higher than those for solids.

In equations 2, 3, 4 and 5 if  $C_s$  is put equal to zero we should get the value of susceptibility which should be that of water and actually we obtain  $\chi = 72 \times 10^{-6}$ . Thus the susceptibility of water when mixed with tartrates does not change. Hence we can obtain the susceptibility of the dissolved substance from

the susceptibility of the solution by putting  $C_s = 1$  (1 g the dissolved solid), or by computing  $\chi$  solid values by using formula 1 which takes the form  $\chi_{\text{sol}} = \chi_{\text{solid}} \times C_s + (1 - C_s) \times \chi_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$  for two constituents.

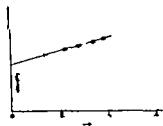
The results so obtained are entered in table V below. The susceptibilities for solid is from Mittal (1953)

TABLE V

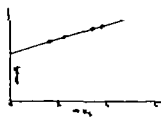
Substance	$\chi \times 10^{-6}$		Deviation ratio.
	Solid	Dissolved	
Tartaric acid	48	47	1.02
Ammonium Tartrate	48	50	1.04
Sodium Tartrate	41	43	1.05
Potassium Tartrate	40	41	1.02

Figure V

AMMONIUM TARTRATE

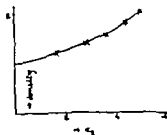


SODIUM TARTRATE

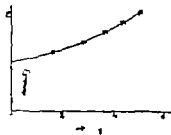




## TARTRIC ACID



## POTASSIUM TARTRATE



Thus on the average the susceptibility of the dissolved tartrates are about three percent higher than the solid Salts

Diamagnetism of substances depends on the effective spread of the electron density distribution imposed by the surrounding ions or molecules

In solids and in dissolved salts the effective spread of the electron density distribution has a limitation. Hence diamagnetism of free molecules will be more than that of dissolved salts and solids, and hence dissolved salts will have more diamagnetism than the solid salts as found experimentally

The density of dissolved salts when plotted against concentration is not exactly linear in all cases as shown in the figure 5

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# NUCLEAR EXCITATION AT HIGH TEMPERATURES

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[ Abstract: The partition function of the nucleus  $C^{12}$  is calculated and the contributions to energy entropy and free energy due to the excitation of the nucleus derived. ]

The stationary states of many of the atomic nuclei have been well established from a study of several nuclear reactions<sup>1</sup>. They are generally few in number. They may be expected to be thermally excited at sufficiently high temperatures and to be in a state of thermal equilibrium. The excitation of a nucleus would contribute to the energy entropy and free energy of the system as distinct from such contributions from the translatory motion of nuclei. The partition function of the nucleus  $C^{12}$  is calculated here and the other properties derived from it. Taking the energy of the ground state as zero the energies of the excited levels is taken to be 4.47, 7.0, 9.7, 10.3, 10.8, 15.11, 16.71, 20.0 and 27.0 Mev<sup>1</sup>. If  $Z$  is the partition function, the energy  $E$ , the entropy  $S$  and the free energy  $F$  are given by—

$$E = kT \frac{d(\log Z)}{dT}$$

$$S = k \log Z + kT \frac{d(\log Z)}{dT}$$

$$F = E - ST$$

TABLE I

T	$5 \times 10^8$	$5 \times 10^{10}$	$5 \times 10^{11}$	$5 \times 10^{12}$	$5 \times 10^{13}$ C	
Z	1	1.78	7.56	9.71	9.97	10.0
$\frac{d(\log Z)}{dT}$	0	$1.72 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.23 \times 10^{-12}$	$5.90 \times 10^{-13}$	$6.00 \times 10^{-14}$	
E	0	$5.9 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.06 \times 10^{-8}$ erg
S	0	$1.99 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.14 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.12 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.166 \times 10^{-8}$ erg/°C
F	0	$4.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.56 \times 10^{-8}$	

The Table I shows calculations for some representative temperatures. The last column shows the limiting values attained beyond a certain temperature.

## DISCUSSION

It can be seen that the contribution per excited nucleus to the entropy energy and free energy is negligible for temperatures below about  $10^{10}$  K. There is a sudden rise between  $5 \times 10^8$  K and  $5 \times 10^{11}$  K. A maximum is reached at  $5 \times 10^{11}$  K, and ultimately the energy and entropy settle down to constant limiting values.

The interest in the problem becomes naturally constrained firstly because it is scarcely probable that such high temperatures can at all be attained in any material system, and secondly even if it could be so it is doubtful whether any nucleus can then remain stable. For example the energy of thermal agitation of the  $O^+$  nucleus at such high temperatures would far exceed the binding energy of the three alpha particles which can be assumed to constitute the nucleus. In any case the total contribution of such heavy nuclei would be small due to their much smaller concentration in comparison with hydrogen and helium in stellar interiors. The calculation has been carried out for  $O^+$  only as the behaviour of other nuclei could not be much different.

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## INTERNAL PRESSURE IN A LIQUID

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[Abstract An equation is derived which makes it possible to calculate the internal pressure in a liquid. Value of compressibility for water is calculated from the knowledge of the internal pressure and compared with the observed one. The equation can also be used to determine the factor  $n$ , which gives an indication of the size of the hole necessary for the viscous flow from the compressibility data of a liquid.]

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The problem of the determination of the internal pressure of a liquid is of great significance. Thus the influence of a solvent on the reaction velocity is dependent on its effect on the activity co-efficient and this is determined by the molar volumes and the internal pressure terms. Since the molar volumes generally do not vary greatly the specific rate constant is determined to a greater extent, by the difference between the internal pressure of the solvent and the internal pressures of the reactants and activated complex (Glasstone, Laidler and Eyring 1941). However the problem of the determination of internal pressure in a liquid is not simple. An equation to calculate the internal pressure of a liquid was deduced by Soonawala (1939) but the calculated value for compressibility of water differ markedly from the observed value. The present paper attempts to give an equation which would make it possible to calculate internal pressure in a liquid.

The equation of state is obtained from the relation (Soonawala 1939 Max Planck)

$$p = - \frac{dF}{dv} = kT \frac{d}{dv} \left[ \ln \int e^{-E_{\text{pot}}/kT} dq_1 dq_2 \dots \right] \quad \dots (1)$$

The viscosity  $\eta$  of a liquid is given by (Glasstone Laidler and Eyring 1941)

$$\eta = \left( \frac{N}{V} \right)^{1/2} \frac{O RT}{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}} (2\pi m k T)^{1/2} e^{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/nRT} \quad (2)$$

where  $V$  = molar volume,  $m$  = mass of a molecule  $O$  = constant depending on the packing in a liquid,  $n$  = a factor which gives an indication of the size of the hole necessary for viscous flow. Its value increases rapidly with temperature especially for associated liquids.

$\Delta E_{\text{vap}}$  = The difference in energy per mole between the molecules in a liquid and in the gas and may be identified with  $E_{\text{pot}}$  potential energy for mole in equation (1)

$$\Delta H_{\text{vap}} = E_{\text{pot}}$$

Other symbols are standard and need no explanation. From (2)

$$\eta = \frac{N^{1/2} O R T^{1/2} e^{-k/(mN)^{1/2}}}{V^{1/2} \Delta E_{\text{vap}}} \times e^{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/nRT}$$

$$mN = \text{Mol. wt. of the liquid} = M$$

$$\frac{\eta}{N^{1/2} O R T^{1/2} (2\pi k)^{1/2} M^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{V^{1/2}} \frac{e^{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/nRT}}{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}}$$

For a given liquid at constant temperature  $\frac{\eta}{N^{1/2} O R T^{1/2} (2\pi k)^{1/2} M^{1/2}}$  is a constant and may be denoted by  $A$

$$\frac{\eta}{N^{1/2} O R T^{1/2} (2\pi k)^{1/2} M^{1/2}} = A \quad \dots (3)$$

$$A V^{1/2} \Delta E_{\text{vap}} = e^{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/nRT} \quad \dots (4)$$

Now  $\Delta E_{\text{vap}}$  is related to normal latent heat per mole by the relation

$$\Delta E_{\text{vap}} = \Delta H_{\text{vap}} - RT \quad \dots (5)$$

where  $\Delta H_{\text{vap}}$  is normal latent heat and  $RT$  is the correction for external work done in vaporising 1 mole of liquid. The vapour is assumed to behave as an ideal gas (Glasstone Laidler and Eyring 1941)

$$\text{Now } \Delta H_{\text{vap}} = \Delta E_{\text{vap}} + RT$$

$$1 = \frac{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}}{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}} + \frac{RT}{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}$$

$\frac{RT}{\Delta H_{\text{vap}}}$  is a very small fraction (Saha & Shrivastava 1931) and may be neglected.

$$\Delta E_{\text{vap}} = \Delta H_{\text{vap}}$$

$$\text{Now } \Delta H_{\text{vap}} = T(V_{\text{vap}} - V) \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}} \quad (\text{Saha \& Shrivastava 1931})$$

where  $V_{\text{vap}}$  = Molar volume of the liquid in the vapour state and  $\left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}}$  = variation of saturated vapour pressure with absolute temperature

$$\Delta E_{\text{vap}} = T(V_{\text{vap}} - V) \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}} \quad (6)$$

At a constant temperature  $V_{\text{vap}}$  molar volume of the liquid in the vapour state will be related to molar volume of the liquid by the relation

$V_{\text{vap}} = aV$  where 'a' is a constant depending on temperature and is constant if temperature is constant

$$\Delta E_{\text{vap}} = T(a-1)V \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}}$$

Substituting this value of  $\Delta E_{\text{vap}}$  in equation (4) we have

$$A T (a-1) \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}} V^{5/3} = e^{\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/nRT}$$

$$\text{or } e^{-\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/nRT} = \frac{1}{A T (a-1) \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}} V^{5/3}}$$

$$e^{-\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/kT} = \frac{1}{A^{nN} T^{nN} (a-1)^{nN} \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}}^{nN} V^{5nN/3}}$$

$$e^{-E_{\text{pot}}/kT} = e^{-\Delta E_{\text{vap}}/kT}$$

$$= \frac{1}{A^{nN} T^{nN} (a-1)^{nN} \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)_{\text{Sat.}}^{nN} V^{5nN/3}}$$

Substituting the value of  $e^{-E_{pot}/kT}$  in equation (1) we have

$$p = kT \frac{d}{dV} \left[ \ln \int \frac{dV}{A^{nN} T^{nN} (a-1)^{nN} \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)^{nN} V^{5nN/3}} \right]$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{1}{A^{nN} T^{nN} (a-1)^{nN} \left( \frac{dP}{dT} \right)^{nN}} = X$$

X is a constant if temperature is constant and is independent of V

$$p = T \frac{d}{dV} \left[ \ln \frac{1}{X} + \ln \int V^{-5nN/3} dV \right]$$

$$= kT \frac{d}{dV} \left[ \ln \frac{1}{X} + \ln \left( \frac{3}{5nN-3} V^{-5nN/3+1} \right) \right]$$

$$= kT \frac{d}{dV} \left[ \ln \frac{1}{X} + \ln \frac{3}{5nN-3} + \left( \frac{-5nN}{3} + 1 \right) \ln V \right]$$

$$= kT \frac{d}{dV} \left[ \frac{-(5nN-3)}{3} \ln V \right]$$

$$= \frac{-(5nN-3)}{3} kT \frac{d}{dV} (\ln V) = \frac{-(5nN-3)}{3V} kT$$

N is Avogadro's Number  $5nN$  is therefore very large and 3 may be neglected in comparison with  $5nN$

$$p = - \frac{5nNkT}{3V} = - \frac{5nRT}{3V} \quad \dots \dots (8)$$

$$\text{Let } \frac{3V}{5n} = \alpha \quad \dots \dots (9)$$

$$\text{Then } p = - \frac{RT}{\alpha} \quad \dots \dots (10)$$

The negative sign indicates that the internal pressure is negative and is therefore due to the force of cohesion between the molecules in the liquid.

Equation (9) resembles the ordinary gas equation except the negative



The value of  $n$  for water which is an associated liquid increases rapidly with temperature. Thus at 0°C  $n=2.01$  and at 50°C  $n=2.81$ . The value of  $n$  at 20°C may be taken as the average of the values of  $n$  at 0°C and 50°C. Thus at 20°C  $n=2.41$ . Expressing  $R$  in atmosphere cc/degree, the internal pressure at 20°C and 1 atm. external pressure comes out to be

$$p = - \frac{5 \times 2.41 \times 22400 \times 293 \times 0.9982}{3 \times 18 \times 273} = -5.374 \times 10^4 \text{ atmospheres.}$$

$$\text{Now } \Delta V = \frac{dV}{dp} \Delta p$$

$$\text{From equation (9) } \frac{dp}{dV} = \frac{RT}{x^2}$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{x^3}{RT} \Delta p.$$

$$\text{C compressibility} = \left( \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta p} \right) / V = \frac{\Delta V}{V \Delta p}$$

$$= \frac{1}{V} \frac{x^3}{RT}$$

$$= \frac{1}{V RT} \left( \frac{3V}{5n} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{9V}{25 n RT} \quad \dots \quad (11)$$

Compressibility (at 20°C and 1 atmosphere per sq. cm.) for water

$$= \frac{9 \times 18 \times 273}{25 \times 2.41 \times 2.41 \times 22400 \times 293 \times 0.9982} \\ = 45.3 \times 10^{-6}$$

The experimental value of compressibility for water 20°C and 1 atmosphere per sq. cm. (which is approximately 1 kgm. per sq. cm.) is  $45.3 \times 10^{-6}$  (Childs). The agreement between the calculated and experimental value is satisfactory.

### CALCULATION OF $n$ FOR A LIQUID

The conventional method employed to determine  $n$  is to compute viscosities from equation (\*) by use of integral and half integral values of  $n$  from 2 to 5 and to plot the resulting figures for  $\log \eta$  against  $1/T$ . For any value of  $n$  the plot is either a straight line or in some cases, a curve slightly convex toward  $1/T$  axis. The value of  $n$  that gives a plot parallel to the straight line of the computed data for  $\log \eta$  against  $1/T$  is taken as the correct one.

The equation (11) provides a simple method to calculate the value of  $n$  for liquid if the compressibility data for the liquid is known.

For Benzene at 20°C and 1 atmosphere per sq. cm. pressure the compressibility  $C = 91 \times 10^{-4}$

$$\text{From equation (11)} \quad n^3 = \frac{9V}{25RT} C$$

Mol. wt. for Benzene = 78 Density of Benzene at 20°C = 0.88 gr. per cc.

$$n^3 = \frac{9 \times 78 \times 273}{25 \times 22400 \times 183 \times 0.88 \times 91 \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$n = \left[ \frac{9 \times 78 \times 273}{25 \times 22400 \times 183 \times 0.88 \times 91 \times 10^{-4}} \right]^{1/3} = 3.821$$

From an examination of the results of number of substances it is found that for most non-associated liquids  $n$  lies between 3 and 4 (Glassstone Laidler and Eyring 1941 p. 494). The value of  $n$  obtained from equation (11) is thus in fair agreement with the value of  $n=3.3$  for benzene.

For carbon tetrachloride the compressibility at 20°C and 1 atmosphere per sq. cm. =  $90 \times 10^{-4}$

Molar volume for carbon tetrachloride at 19.9°C = 97

$$n = \left[ \frac{9 \times 97 \times 273}{25 \times 22400 \times 183 \times 90 \times 10^{-4}} \right]^{1/3} = 4.1$$

The value of  $n=4.11$  for carbon tetrachloride is in agreement with the value of  $n=3$  to 4 for most of the non-associated liquids. It will be seen that equation (10) can be used to calculate the internal pressure in a liquid while equation (11) can be used to calculate the compressibility of a liquid and determination of  $r$  a factor which determines the size of a hole necessary for viscous flow.

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# SERIES TRANSDUCTORS

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[Abstract The theory of transducers based on the knowledge of electromagnetism is discussed critically. The various analyses are reviewed with a view to express clearly the points which are commonly tackled in research.]

## INTRODUCTION

The Transducer is an electromagnetic device in which the inductance of an A.C. winding can be controlled by varying the magnitude of direct current flowing in a coil carrying magnetic flux with the A.C. winding. This previously known as "Series Reactors" have been in use for many years. These transducers are confined to power engineering. Owing to the development of magnetic materials with desirable characteristics and the use of metal rectifiers (especially selenium rectifiers) which have good characteristics and reliability the transducer has become widely popular in both Electronics and power engineering. The applicability of Transducers in electrical engineering has taken a unique place that it has even surpassed the power transducer. Magnetonics for this branch of study Transducers in power engineering are used mainly for automatic control and for measuring heavy direct currents or high power signals. In Electronics, Transducers are used as magnetic amplifiers in precision instrument work, servo-mechanisms and various other types of control and metering. The most significant feature of Transducers are its useful form of control characteristics, the ruggedness of construction and reliability in operation.

During the second world war (1939-45) Control Reluctance used magnetic amplifiers quite successfully in various equipments. It may be said that recent attention towards

development of Transducers started since the end of the last world war. In certain aspects magnetic amplifiers became comparable with the thermionic amplifiers since these are able to mix and amplify D.C. powers of as low as  $10^{-3}$  watt. Using mumetal cores and self-excitation or positive feedback the power amplification can be increased to 5000 or more. In spite of the fact that magnetic amplifiers can be used successfully for precision instrument work and second-harmonic modulators or other automatic controls, the application of this is seriously limited by the large time taken for the output to respond to the change of input d.c. signal.

This paper however is intended to describe the basic principles and a review of the present theory of series Transducers. Various authors have analysed Transducers in great many aspects of their behaviour. The principal aspects are

- (a) A simple series Transducer with comparatively low impedance in the control circuit.
- (b) A simple series Transducer with comparatively high impedance in the control circuit.
- (c) A series Transducer with separate feedback windings.
- (d) A series Transducer with self-saturation.
- (e) Transducers with second harmonic feedback,
- and (f) A parallel Transducer with conditions of operation as mentioned in (a), (c) and (d).

From the above it is seen that such ramifications of Transducers can hardly be summarised in one paper and therefore we shall mainly confine our discussions to series-transducer circuits. The list of symbols to be used is given below.

#### LIST OF PRINCIPAL SYMBOLS

- $V$  — Voltage across the Transducer elements
- $I_d$  — D.C. component of current in the control circuit
- $i_d$  — D.C. component of current in the control-circuit with self-excitation
- $I_{av}$  — Average current in a.c. circuit after rectification.

- $i_a$  — Instantaneous value of current in the a. c. circuit  
 $I_a$  — Peak magnetizing current when  $K=1$  and  $\lambda=0$   
 $I$  — Current corresponding to  $\phi$  the displacement of the flux axis.  
 $P$  — "Mean power amplification.  
 $n$  —  $\frac{\sqrt{R^2 + X^2}}{R}$   
 $N$  — No. of turns in a. c. winding on each Transducer element.  
 $N_d$  — No. of turns in d. c. winding on each element.  
 $N_f$  — Self-excitation turns on each element.  
 $R$  — Total resistance in the a. c. circuit.  
 $X$  — Total reactance in the a. c. circuit  
 $R_c$  — Total resistance in the control circuit.  
 $L_c$  — Inductance of the control circuit.  
 $\phi_a$  — Average value of flux between 0 and  $2\pi$  for a single core or displacement of the flux axis.  
 $\omega$  — Angular frequency of supply

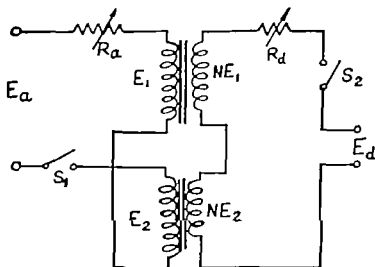


FIG 1

## BASIC PRINCIPLES

Fig. 1 shows the basic Transducer circuit using two cores.  $E$  is the a. c. voltage applied across the two windings in series, and  $E_c$  the direct voltage is applied across the two secondary windings in opposition in order that the transformer action on the d. c. windings is eliminated. The a. c. windings are commonly termed as load windings or output windings and d. c. windings as control windings. There is a load resistance  $R_a$  in the a. c. circuit and  $R_c$  is the resistance in the d. c. circuit such that  $R_a = R_c$ . The two transducers are assumed to be identical in all respects. In the following discussion B-H characteristic of cores is assumed as shown in Fig 1 (a). Now with  $S_1$  closed and  $S_2$  open, the

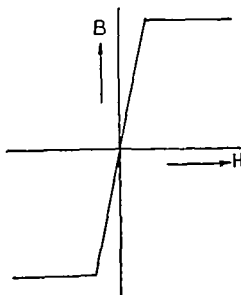


Fig 1a

current in the a. c. circuit with normal supply voltage  $E_a$ , is negligibly small. This current produces a very small voltage drop across  $R_a$  consequently  $E_1 + E_2 = E_a$ . To write the circuit equation in general form

$$E_a = E_1 + E_2 + I R_a \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

If direct current of magnitude  $I_d$  now flows when  $S_1$  is closed, the fluxes produced in the two cores due to  $I_d$  will be in opposite directions since the d. c. windings are connected in opposition. Thus at any instant the d. c. flux will help the a. c. flux in one core and oppose the a. c. flux in another. And at a particular instant the core 1 (say) saturates and  $E$  will become zero. This may be termed as the conducting period, whence  $E = E_2 + I_d R_d$ . This shows that full voltage  $E_1$  is switched on across the load and  $I_d$  at this instant is much greater than  $I$  in equation (1).

Again the general circuit equation for d. c. circuit,

$$NE_1 = NE_2 + E_d - I_d R_d \quad \dots \dots \dots (*)$$

where  $N = N_1 / N_2$

The above equation is valid for non-conducting period i. e. when neither core is saturated. But when core 1 is saturated,  $NE_1 = 0$  thus

$$0 = NE_2 + E_d - I_d R_d \quad \text{or} \quad I_d R_d = NE_2 + E_d \quad \dots \quad (3)$$

The above consideration shows that for  $E = 0$  an increment in  $I_d$  occurs and since  $NE = 0$  equal increment in  $I_d$  must occur in the control circuit in order that equation (3) is satisfied. Of course the magnetizing current is ignored. Hence it may be written as,

$$I_d N = I_d N_d \quad \text{or} \quad I = NI_d \quad \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

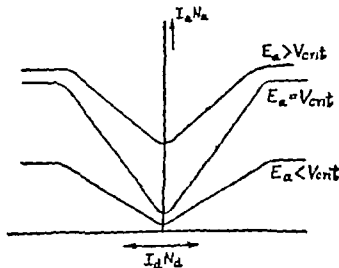


FIG 2



This is the most important control characteristic of a Transducer and signifies the magnetic amplifier operation. If a curve is drawn ( $I_N$  vs.  $I_d N_d$ ) it can be shown that the equation (4) is only true for the linear part. The linearity is sensitive to supply voltage changes as is indicated by the different curves. (fig. 2) Another interesting feature is that the characteristics are insensitive to the polarity of direct voltage  $E_d$ .

## CRITICAL REVIEW OF TRANSDUCTOR THEORY

Here we shall consider a series Transducer with comparatively low impedance in the control circuit and with or without feedback. In the analysis of the theory of Transducers, certain assumptions are necessary in order to bring out the design features in a simpler form so that the theory could be conveniently used in practice. Although it should be borne in mind while making assumptions that no appreciable error is introduced in the theoretical and experimental results obtained therefrom.

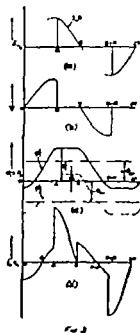
A rigorous analysis of Transducers is extremely difficult because of nonlinear and multivalued character of the magnetization curve. Therefore the assumptions generally made by different authors are

- (i) The magnetization characteristic of a core consists of a very high permeability in the unsaturated region followed by abrupt transition to complete saturation (Fig. 1a).
- (ii) Magnetizing current is ignored.
- (iii) The unsaturated reactances of Transducers are so large compared with  $R_d$  that the phase difference between the applied voltage and that across the transducer is neglected.
- (iv) (a) Control circuit impedance is assumed to be negligibly small compared to  $R_d$ . This assumption complies with certain requirements in industry and automatic controls.
- (b) Control circuit impedance is comparatively high and this assumption finds its application in measuring heavy direct current or high voltage D.C. [Reference (10)].

In addition to the above almost all the authors on this subject assume leakage reactance hysteresis and eddy current losses negligible. Also the forward resistance of rectifiers is assumed to be small while reverse resistance is very high.

In a paper<sup>3</sup> by A. G. Milnes assumptions made fall in categories (i) (ii) (iii) and from the basic assumptions, flux wave forms were derived and equations were developed for magnetomotive forces operating at every instant in the cycle.

Fig. 3 (a) shows the general wave shape of supply voltage  $E_s$ . At an instant  $\alpha$  of the voltage cycle the core saturates and so voltage across the transducer drops to zero [Fig 3 (b)] and the total voltage ( $E = I_s R$ ) appears across the load resistance  $R_L$  (Fig 3 (a) shown full line). Instantaneous values of flux in the two cores between 0 and  $\alpha$  (i.e. when the cores are unsaturated) are say  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi$  [Fig. 3 (c)]. Between  $\alpha$  and  $\pi$  the core remains saturated and the value of flux in core 1 is  $\phi$  and core 2 is  $\phi_0$  [Fig. 3 (c)]. During the interval  $\pi$  and  $\pi + \alpha$ , the cores are again unsaturated. Again in the time interval  $\alpha + \pi$  and  $2\pi$  the core 2 is saturated but core 1 is unsaturated.



Let the supply voltage be  $E_s = E_m \sin \omega t$ . The a.c. windings are connected in series and the control windings are in series opposition (Fig 1) therefore

$$N \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} + \frac{d\phi_s}{dt} \right) = E_m \sin \omega t \times 10^8 \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

and

$$N_s \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} - \frac{d\phi_s}{dt} \right) = 0 \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

Referring to the above assumption, the equation (6) shows that when the flux in one core remains constant due to saturation, the flux in the other core shall also remain constant. The maximum peak voltage  $E_m$  that can be applied to the transducer without causing saturation &  $I_s$  being zero is

$$E_m = \frac{2\phi_s \omega N}{10^8} \quad \text{where } \phi_s \text{ is the saturation flux per core}$$

If  $K = \frac{E_m}{E_s} = \frac{\phi_m}{\phi_s}$  it can be shown that solution of equations (5 & (6) within limits of  $\omega t = 0$  &  $\omega t = \pi$  are

$$\phi_1 = \phi_s + K\phi_s \cos \omega t - K\phi_s \cos \omega t \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

$$\phi_2 = -K\phi_s \cos \omega t - (1-K)\phi_s \dots \dots \dots (8)$$

The average flux in core 1 say  $\phi_{av}$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{2}(\phi_s + \phi_m)$  (fig. 3c) where,  $\phi_m = -K\phi_s \cos \pi - (1-K)\phi_s$

Putting  $\omega t = \pi$  in equation (8), we have

$$\phi = \frac{1}{2}\phi_s [(2-K) + K \cos \pi] \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

This quantity is of interest since variation of  $\phi_{av}$  determines the time constant of transducer

### CIRCUIT SENSITIVITY

The circuit sensitivity was defined as the  $\frac{dI_{av}}{dI_s}$ . Where  $I_{av}$  is the average rectified load current and was found to be equal to

$$\frac{dI}{dI_s} = \frac{X/R - 1}{\sqrt{R^2 + \frac{1}{4}X^2}} \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

with  $\lambda = 0$  where  $\lambda = \frac{N_s}{N} = \text{self-excitation factor}$

This shows that the current amplification is independent of  $K$  or the value of A. C. supply voltage. The above also shows that the current amplification of a simple transductor is not constant and equal to  $\frac{N_d}{N_f}$  as elementary treatment suggests but that the amplification depends on the ratio of  $X/R$  of the A. C. circuit.

### POSITIVE FEEDBACK

The sensitivity of a simple transductor may be increased by using the rectified output current  $I_d$  to produce an m.m.f. which aids control m.m.f. This is known as 'positive feedback' or 'self-excitation'. In (Fig. 4) the transductor contains additional

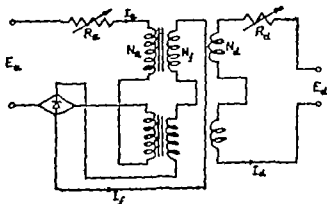


FIG 4

windings  $N$  which are placed on the core such that it is magnetically parallel with the control windings and hence immune from transformer interaction. The self-excitation winding provides the feedback and is connected in series with a rectifier in the load circuit of the transductor. The load current  $I_d$  thus passes as rectified current  $I$  through the winding  $N_d$  producing feedback in the Transductor.

The degree of feedback in a transductor is increased or decreased by corresponding alteration of the no. of turns  $N$ . The function of feedback amp-turns is to decrease or increase the D.C. excitation and thus affect the resultant transductor characteristics. Hence the feedback is called "undercompensated" if the feedback amp-turns is less than the D.C. amp-turns for  $I_d$  being positive. And the transductor feedback is called overcompensated

if the feedback amp-turns exceeds the D.C. amp-turns for  $I_d$  being positive. This overcompensation characteristic produces an instability loop in the resultant control characteristic such that  $I_d$  jumps from a low value to a higher value as  $I_d$  goes positive and jumps in the reverse direction as  $I_d$  goes negative.

Therefore, the boundary between undercompensating feedback and over-compensating feedback is determined by the  $N_f/N = \lambda =$  self excitation factor. In the case of an ideal transducer critical value of  $\lambda = 1$  for a series transducer and 0.5 for a parallel transducer.

The Fig. 5 shows the characteristic of an undercompensated feedback transducer. The positive branch shows increased control

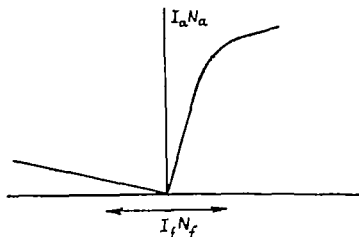


FIG 5

sensitivity while the negative branch shows reduced sensitivity. This also indicates that the range of linear control is shortened in the positive branch but lengthened in the negative branch. With this form of feedback high power gain is possible. The current sensitivity is of the form

$$\left( \frac{d I_a N_a}{d I_f N_f} \right)_{\text{max}} = \left( \frac{1}{1 - \lambda} \right) \times \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

where  $\lambda = \frac{N_f/R - 1}{N_f/R + 1}$ . If the reciprocal of the current amplification is considered for complete self-excitation  $N_f = N$  then we have

$$\frac{d I_a}{d I_f} = \left( \frac{1 + 1}{X} \right) \left( \frac{N}{N_d} \right) R.$$

Thus for a given change of control current  $\Delta I_d$  the corresponding change of transducer output voltage is

$$\Delta V = R \left[ \left( \frac{d I_r}{d I_d} \right) (\Delta I_d) \right]$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta I_d} = \left( \frac{X}{1+r+1} \right) \frac{N_d}{N} \dots \dots \dots (12)$$

Thus the equation (12) is seen to be a constant (independent of  $R$ ) for any particular transducer. Therefore a full self-excited transducer gives, for a certain change of control current, a definite change of output voltage whatever the load resistance may be. This is contrary to the behaviour of a transducer without feedback (Eq. 10) which gives, for a fixed control current, output current varies only slightly with the load resistance.

### TIME CONSTANT

Since the transducer circuit is associated with varying flux density with respect to time the time of response of the change in load current with change in control current is a determinable factor. The time constant of transducer depends on the change of the average core flux  $\phi_{av}$  with change of  $I_d$ . Since the  $\phi_{av}$  is positive in one core and negative in the other and since the two d.c. windings are connected in series opposition the m.f. induced by the change of average core flux in the two d.c. windings are additive. But there is no resultant e.m.f. across the a.c. winding.

For a resultant load there can be no time lag between control current, the related  $\phi_{av}$  and the corresponding output current. It follows therefore, that the exponential time lag between the d.c. voltage and d.c. current constitutes the sole time lag of the transducer circuit. With reference to the condition just stated, the equation for the rise of current  $I_d$  in the control circuit

$$E_d = I_d R_d + 2 N_d \left( \frac{d \phi_{av}}{d t} \right) 10^{-8} = I_d R_d + 2 N_d \left( \frac{d \phi_{av}}{d I_d} \right) 10^{-8}$$

from this the time constant can be derived as follows:—

$$T = \frac{2 N_d}{R_d} \left( \frac{d \phi_{av}}{d I_d} \right) 10^{-8} \dots \dots \dots (13)$$

The power amplification is defined as  $P = \left( \frac{d I_a}{d I_d} \right)^2 \frac{R}{R_a}$

And if  $X/R$  is very large  $\frac{d I_a}{d I_d} \frac{N}{N_d}$  tends to a limiting value  $\left( \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \right)$  and it can be shown that

$$P = 4l T \left( \frac{1}{1-\lambda} \right) \quad \dots \dots \dots (14)$$

For complete self-excitation the Eq (13) becomes,

$$T = \left( \frac{L_a}{R_a} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{\pi + \theta} \right]$$

here  $\theta$  corresponds to an angle at which  $I_a = 0$

$$\text{when, } \pi = \theta = \pi / \pi \quad T = \frac{L_a}{R_a}$$

$$\text{also } \pi = 0 \quad \theta = 0 \quad T = \frac{1}{2} \frac{L_a}{R_a}$$

Thus for the limiting condition of full self-excitation the time constant of a transducer at low output current is equal to  $L_a/R_a$ . For all the conditions ( $\lambda < 1$ ) the time constant is less than this value. This also reduces current amplification. This reduction of the time constant when  $\lambda < 1$  is at the expense of a reduction in the ratio of  $P/T$  (Eq 14); therefore a high degree of self-excitation is preferable in most applications.

It is also found that the ratio of time constant to the current amplification is independent of  $K$ , where  $X/R$  is very large the ratio becomes proportional to  $R$ . Some time constant measurements for a transducer with  $\lambda = 0$  it is seen that for low output currents  $I$  the time constant is high and that at high output currents the current amplification and the time constant both decrease considerably. These are imperfections caused by the core characteristics and are not predicted by the theory.

The assumptions made by Milnes reduces the utility of the analysis to some extent in its application to practical problems as pointed out by Hudson. Since most core materials show considerable curvature at the knee of the  $B/H$  curve the transient changes that occur at the cut-off cannot be ignored. Thus the assumptions made by Hudson are different from those of Milnes in that, the phase shift between  $E_a$  and  $V$  is not neglected and also that the magnetising current is not ignored.

When the flux reaches the knee of the magnetisation curve (Fig 6 the whole of the supply voltage appears across the load resistance  $R_L$  since cores 1 and 2 are both saturated in the alternate half cycles. The transducer regains control when the load current falls to  $(I_0 - I_x)$ . At this point the transient changes occur due to the flux changes the eq

$$E_m \sin(\omega t - \beta) = i R + X/\omega \frac{di}{dt} \dots \dots \dots (15)$$

where  $\beta = \sin^{-1} \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + X^2}}$  denotes the phase difference between supply and transducer voltages.

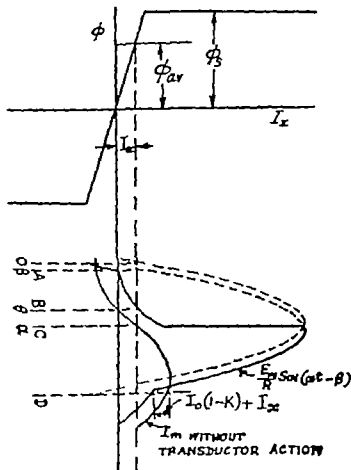


FIG 6



The solution of equation (15) gives the value of  $i_a$  with proper substitution of values of constant  $C$  and magnetising current

$$i_a = -KI \cos \omega t \mp [I_a(1-K) - I] e^{-(R/x)\omega t} \quad (16)$$

The effect of the exponential term is to displace the  $i_a$  during the operating period of the transducer and to shift the point  $\theta$  at which the current is zero. The maximum possible value of  $\omega t = \pi$  and since  $R/x$  is small  $e^{-(R/x)\omega t} \approx 1$  and hence

$$i = -KI \cos \omega t \mp [I_a(1-K) - I] \quad \dots (17)$$

The equation for output current  $I$  is obtained as,

$$I_m = \frac{2}{\pi} K \frac{I_a}{x} \left[ n(1-a) - \frac{a}{2n} + f(a) \right] \dots \dots \dots (18)$$

Since the control winding links both cores and has a low impedance to harmonic currents there will be a circulating current when saturation occurs in one core which will prevent the flux change in the second core. As Milne points out (Eq 9) the control current will be the mean value of the magnetising m.m.f for any one core

Hence

$$I_a = \left[ \frac{N}{N_2} \right] I + \frac{2}{\pi} KI \left[ \frac{N}{N_2} \right] \left[ n(1-a) - \frac{a}{2n} + F(\ ) \right] \quad (19)$$

It will however be noticed that the Eq 18 is independent of  $\lambda$  and also that

$$I_a = i_a + \lambda I \left[ \frac{N}{N_2} \right]$$

where  $i_a$  is now the control current with self-excitation. The equation for  $i_a$  for  $a \geq 1$

$$i_a = \frac{N}{N_2} \left[ I - \frac{2}{\pi} KI \left\{ \frac{(1-\lambda)}{2n} + \lambda \right\} \right] \dots \dots \dots (20)$$

an interesting case occurs when  $\lambda = 1$

$$i_a = \left[ \frac{N}{N_2} \right] \left[ I + \frac{2}{\pi} KI \left\{ F(a) - f(\ ) \right\} \right] \dots \dots \dots (21)$$

An interesting feature is that  $I_m$ ,  $I_a$  and  $i_a$  are all expressed in terms of the magnetising current for zero load namely  $\frac{2}{\pi} KI_m$

when  $a=1$   $I_m$  becomes the magnetising current  $\frac{2}{\pi} KI_a \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2n} \right)$

It is less than  $\frac{2}{\pi} KI$  owing to the load resistance which introduces the  $\frac{1}{2n}$  term.

A B/H Curve is shown in (Fig. 7). A pair of straight lines B and C can be fitted to this, but there are small discrepancies at low value of flux density and quite large departures near the knee of the curve.  $\alpha$  has been defined as  $\frac{I_2 - I_1}{KI}$  and it may also be written as,  $\alpha = \frac{\phi_2 - \phi_1}{K\phi_2}$  which now determines the flux levels and

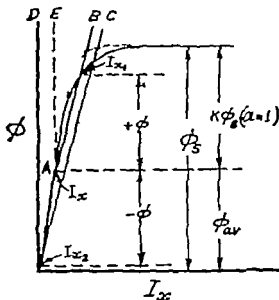


FIG 7

this equation will then be true for a B/H curve which is not linear upto the saturation point. Since the B/H curve determines  $I_1$  and  $I_2$  this must have some effect on  $I_{x_1}$ ,  $I_{x_2}$  and  $I_x$  (equations 18, 19 and 20). But unless  $I$  changes appreciably with a  $I_{x_1}$ ,  $I$  is not substantially affected. It therefore follows from equations 19 and 20 that  $I_{x_1}$  and  $I_{x_2}$  are dependent on the shape of B/H curve and a closer approximation to the true characteristics is obtained by inserting the values of  $I$  derived from experimental B/H curve  $\phi_{av}$  corresponding to the required value of  $\alpha$ , in the equations 19 & 20.

The flux levels in the two cores of the Transducer at any instant will be  $\phi_{av} \pm \phi$  where  $\phi$  is the flux change. Since the slopes at these flux levels are different, a circulating current flows in the

control circuit such that the mean value of  $I$  is given by  $\frac{1}{2}(I_{s1} - I_{s2}) + I$  where  $I_{s1}$  and  $I_{s2}$  correspond to two fluxes and  $I$  correspond to  $\phi_{ac}$ . The effective  $B/H$  curve is therefore of the form shown in Fig 7. The construction of this curve is given elsewhere.

In most of the theories developed by other authors (*Reference 1 7 8*) a rectangular magnetization curve was assumed and the basis of their analyses falls mainly in the categories (i), (ii) (iii) (iv). Although the form of presentation in these papers is comparatively simple and provides scope for clearer understanding of the magnetic amplifier phenomenon. The results obtained are simpler than those described before but since they suffer from being too simple these are not presented here. Besides the conclusions derived from their experiments are to a certain extent agreeable with the present knowledge of Transductor theory.

### ARRANGEMENT OF THE WINDINGS

A Transductor with two separate magnetic cores is seldom used in practice. The more common arrangement of cores and windings are as shown in Fig 8. The factors governing the design of arrangement of cores and winding are leakage reactance, winding in winding space etc.

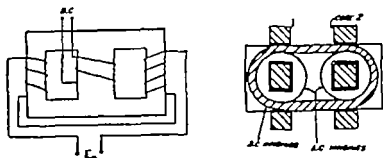


Fig 8

The magnetic properties of the core materials should be such that hysteresis and eddy-current losses are minimum, the saturation flux density must be high and the ideal  $B/H$  curve should be obtainable. These characteristics must be adhered to for special high gain amplifiers.

It has also been found that the construction of core laminations affect the performance of a transductor a great deal owing to the following facts:—

The normal method of staggering the T's and U's or E's and I's produces air gaps at the joints thus there is concentration flux in one lamination [Fig. 9(a)], causing local saturation of iron and reduces the sharpness of bend in the B/H characteristic

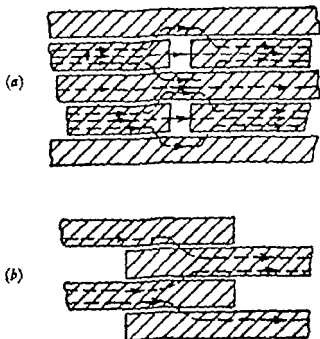


FIG 9

Therefore if the butt joint is overcome by not producing any air-gap, a uniformity in the flux path may be obtained [Fig. 9(b)]. It was found to have secured considerable improvement on the characteristics of a magnetic amplifier

#### CONCLUSION AND REMARKS

1 The linearity of the control characteristics of a transductor is dependent upon the supply voltage the self excitation factor  $\lambda$ , the B/H characteristic of the core material the pattern of the core and the load.

The characteristic is primarily independent of frequency of a. c power supply. Secondary frequency effects such as hysteresis loss & eddy current effects in the core or leakage flux of the windings may effect the characteristic.

2 The well known amp-turns relation ( $I_1 N = I_2 N_2$ ) differs slightly (see eq 10) from the fundamental current transformer relationship. The magnitude of deviation depends on the transducer construction the form of the actual B/H curve for the core material and the ratio  $\lambda/R$  for a transducer.

3 The time constant or the response time of a transducer to the input d. c signal voltage is dependent on  $\lambda$  the self-excitation factor the frequency of the a. c power supply the impedance of the control circuit and also the overall power gain of a transducer in the operating zone.

The ratio of power gain to time constant is independent of K but proportional to the load resistance when  $\lambda/R$  is large.

It is also seen that transducers without any feedback have high time constant for low output currents. While at high output currents both current amplification and the time constant of a transducer decrease considerably.

From the above conclusion, it is evident that the desirable characteristic depend much on the type of core material chosen and also on the careful design and construction. Reviewing the literature of this field one immediately notices a common property of these papers. In most cases the author accepts a mathematical defeat and makes rash assumptions regarding forward and reverse resistances of the rectifier and the B/H relationship of the magnetic material. The performance equations derived on the basis of these assumptions establish a clear and simple physical picture but cannot be used to predict the exact performance of the transducer amplifier. Non-linearities of transducer amplifier are just beginning to be studied<sup>11</sup> to be able to predict exactly what output will be obtained for a given control current.

In this connection it may be noted that to obtain high power gain hysteresis and eddy current losses cannot be ignored in the design of magnetic amplifier. This involves exact determination of Dynamic hysteresis loop for a core material. Recently the

analysis of a transducer amplifier is focussed on the accurate determination of the dynamic hysteresis loop and its effect on the performance of Transducer amplifiers<sup>11</sup>

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# ISOMERISATION OF BENZYLAMINE THIOCYANATE & METHYLAMINE THIOCYANATE

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In efforts to correlate the alkalinity of the bases with the extent of isomerisation of thiocyanates in the presence of solvent and without it the present work is originated.

Benzylamine thiocyanate m.p.  $100-101^{\circ}\text{C}$  a thiocyanate of the base having the dissociation constant  $2.4 \times 10^{-4}$  at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  is prepared. Study of its isomerisation to substituted thiocarbamid is undertaken.

Methylamine thiocyanate m.p.  $67^{\circ}\text{C}$  a thiocyanate of a base having the dissociation constant  $5.0 \times 10^{-4}$  at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$  is prepared. The isomerisation of this thiocyanate is also undertaken. The isomerisation in solution as well as in the absence of the medium was followed by estimating thiocyanate left behind unchanged after a certain interval of time.

(a) In aqueous alcoholic solution (1:1) at  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$  the isomerisation in both cases could not be detected even qualitatively a point in conformity with the established rule "Stronger the base slower is the isomerisation of its thiocyanate in aqueous alcoholic solution at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ". Dilute sulphuric acid in case of methylamine thiocyanate only was detected to accelerate the isomerisation in aqueous alcoholic solution and the isomerisation was detected only qualitatively. But in case of Benzylamine thiocyanate sulphuric acid was found to be immaterial.

(b) A normal solution of benzylamine thiocyanate in ethylene glycol solution at  $140^{\circ}\text{C}$  isomerised slowly. After heating for about 40 hours the reaction seemed to stop. Heating for another 8 hours



The above method for estimating thiocyanic acid was followed in case of both the amines

*Study of Isomerisation of Benzylamine thiocyanate in solid state without medium at 100°C and 120°C* — Several test tubes having definite amounts of solid benzylamine thiocyanate arranged in a rack were put in a bath maintained at a particular temperature. After definite intervals of time known weights of the heated residue were estimated for thiocyanic acid contents as described above

*Study of Isomerisation of Benzylamine thiocyanate in ethylene glycol at 100°C* — Normal solution of benzylamine thiocyanate was prepared in ethylene glycol and 5 c.c. of the solution is titrated against standard silver nitrate solution in presence of 10% nitric acid using iron-alum as the indicator. The solution was refluxed in a conical flask fitted with an air condenser and kept in an oil bath maintained at 140°C. After definite interval of time 5 c.c. of the solution is taken, desulphurised by alkaline cadmium sulphate as before, filtered, washed till free from thiocyanate contents and then determined by Volhard's method.

*Study of isomerisation of Methylamine thiocyanate in solid state without any medium at 120°C* — This was also studied in the same manner as in the case of Benzylamine thiocyanate.

*Effect of sulphuric acid on the isomerisation of methylamine thiocyanate and benzylamine thiocyanate at 85°C* — 103 c.c. of N Methylamine thiocyanate solution in 50% alcohol was prepared and 10 c.c. of 0.1 N sulphuric acid is added to it and the mixture is refluxed on a water bath with a condenser. The isomerisation was studied in the same manner as before.

It was found after refluxing for 18 to 20 hours that in presence of sulphuric acid too the isomerisation was very slow and the change is so little that it cannot be determined quantitatively but only qualitatively tested.

In case of benzylamine thiocyanate no isomerisation was detected even qualitatively after 20 hours heating.

TABLE I

Results of the isomerisation of N N/2 and N/5 Benzylamine thiocyanate at 85 C.

S. No.	Time	% (benzylamine) thiocyanate contents	Velocity Constant
1	2 hours	No isomerisation	No isomerisation
2	4		"
3	6	"	"
4	8	"	"
5	10	"	"
6	12	"	"
7	14	"	"
8	16	"	"
9	18	"	"
10	20	"	"

Conclusion — From the above table it is clear that even after 20 hours heating, no isomerisation has taken place in case of all the concentrations mentioned above. The isomerisation to substituted thiourea was not even qualitatively detected.

Results of the isomerisation of N N/2 N/3 methylamine thiocyanate at 85 C

Results obtained in this case are similar to the results obtained in case of Benzylamine thiocyanate at all the concentrations and hence the conclusion arrived at in case of Table No I also holds true here.

TABLE II

Results of the isomerisation of Benzylamine thiocyanate in melt at 100° C.

S. No.	Time	% of benzylamine-thiocyanate contents	Velocity Constant
1	1 hour	93.06	0.002073
2	1 "	91.86	0.001317
3	1½ "	90.66	0.00109
4	3 "	88.24	0.001042
5	½ "	84.63	0.001111

Conclusion — From the table it is clear that isomerisation in this case is very slow even in melt.

## TABLE VII

Results of the isomerisation of N/15 Methylthiocarbamide to  
Methylamine thiocyanate at 85 °C

S. N	Time	% of methylami- nethiocyanate formed	Velocity Constant
1	10 hours	7.59	0.0001316
2	20 "	8.347	0.00007273
3	30 "	9.813	0.00005744
4	40 "	12.06	0.00005364
5	50 "	13.50	0.00004867
6	60 "	15.1	0.00004548
7	70 "	16.01	0.00004327
8	80 "	18.11	0.0000416

Conclusion—From this table it is clear that methylthiocarbamide  
is isomerising to methylamine thiocyanate slowly

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## MAGNETIC STUDIES ON TARTRATES

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[Abstract. Mean susceptibility for several powdered Tartrates has been measured. The result has been discussed in relation to the deformation produced on the tartrate ion by its environments and hence its influence on their diamagnetism.]

## INTRODUCTION

It is well-known that crystalline electric fields can produce deformations in ions and radicals in crystal lattices. The influence of these deformations on diamagnetism of ions or radicals is quite feeble and hence much attention has not yet been focussed on the study of this effect.

A survey of the experimental results of inorganic carbonates and nitrates reveal that diamagnetism of  $(\text{NO}_2)^-$  or  $(\text{CO}_3)^-$  radicals is influenced to a measurable degree by the character of the environment of ions surrounding the radical. The following table (I) made with the help of Angus (1935) value of magnetic ions and the experimental values of Nilkantan (1938) for the compounds makes it clear that spherically symmetrically ions like Na, K,  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ ,  $\text{Sr}^{++}$  and  $\text{Ba}^{++}$  which surround the radicals  $(\text{NO}_2)^-$  or  $(\text{CO}_3)^-$  can produce a change in the diamagnetism of  $(\text{NO}_2)^-$  and  $(\text{CO}_3)^-$  radicals.

TABLE I

Mean susceptibility  $(-\bar{\chi} \times 10^{-4})$  of  $(\text{NO}_2)^-$  radical from powder crystals of

$\text{NaNO}_2$ 31.9	$\text{KNO}_2$ 20.9	$\text{AgNO}_2$ 20.3	$\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_2)_2$ 18.9
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TABLE II

Ions	$\bar{X}$
Na	3.7
K	13.1
Ca <sup>++</sup>	10.4
Sr <sup>++</sup>	20.2
Ba <sup>++</sup>	31.6
Mg <sup>++</sup>	2.9
Zn <sup>++</sup>	13.5
NH	13.3

TABLE III

No.	Compound	$\chi$	$\bar{X}$	$\chi / \bar{X}$
1	Tartaric acid $(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COOH})_2$	4607	69.1	63.2
2	Hydrogen Ammonium Tartrate $\text{NH}(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2\text{H}$	4707	8.0	6.0
3	Sodium Tartrate $\text{Na}_2(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4109	87.1	66.7
4	Potassium Tartrate $\text{K}_2(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4085	90.0	63.3
5	Strontium Tartrate $\text{Sr}(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	5085	138.8	67.0
6	Calcium Tartrate $\text{Ca}(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4677	11.6	59.3
7	Magnesium Tartrate $\text{Mg}(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	5062	13.8	64.5
8	Zinc Tartrate $\text{Zn}(\text{CHOH})_2(\text{COO})_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4998	107.2	6.7

## DISCUSSIONS

The conventional way of representing tartaric acid is which makes it a dihydroxy succinic acid. Mean susceptibility  $\bar{\chi}$  of succinic acid has been measured by Gray and Birse (1914) which is  $-51.6 \times 10^{-6}$ . Thus adding the diamagnetic contribution of two oxygens  $-9.22 \times 10^{-6}$  to it we get for tartaric acid  $\bar{\chi} = -60.8 \times 10^{-6}$  whereas the experimental value is  $-69.1 \times 10^{-6}$ . Pascals additive value differentiating two kinds of oxygens [(i) which are singly bounded to carry two atoms and (ii) which are doubly bounded to a single carbon atom] for tartaric acid is  $-66.7 \times 10^{-6}$ .

For the tartrate ion in the various compounds studied  $\bar{\chi}$  varies from  $-59.0 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $08.0 \times 10^{-6}$  whereas Pascal's additive value is  $-60.0 \times 10^{-6}$ . Thus the different environmental conditions in tartrate ions in these salts produced formation of the tartrate ion in the crystal lattice which influences the diamagnetism of the ion considerably.

The two alkali salts, potassium and sodium tartrates make a good comparative study of this influence of this deformation on diamagnetism of the radical. From Raman spectra of these two salts (Padmanabhan 1948) it is known that for K-salt the C-H oscillations give one intense line at  $2928 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  whereas sodium salt gives two intense lines at  $2935$  and  $2981 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The splitting of the (C-H) oscillations into two lines in sodium salt is due to the deformation of the tartrate ion in sodium salt. On referring to table III we also find that the deformation in sodium salt has actually increased the diamagnetism of the tartrate in this salt which is also the case as found in Aragonite.

It will be seen from table III that Pascal's additive value for tartrate ion  $-60.7 \times 10^{-6}$  is very near to the value  $-59.0 \times 10^{-6}$  for tartrate ion in Calcium salt. But this has no significance because we can never expect the value of  $\bar{\chi}$  for tartrate to be exactly equal to Pascal's law. The C-H or O=C oscillations will never be identical in all the salts of tartaric acid and hence Pascal's constitutive correction will be of different for different salts.

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